

Multi Ethnic Leader (MEL) Scholarship Application



The Office of Student Life, in conjunction with the Student Center for Reconciliation & Diversity (SCRD), invites incoming first-year Azusa Pacific University applicants to apply for the Multi Ethnic Leader Scholarship. This scholarship is part of a leadership development program that challenges students to enhance their skills and abilities as servant leaders and promote ethnic diversity and multicultural awareness at APU.

This scholarship is renewable, stackable, and open to incoming first-year APU applicants. Scholarship recipients are awarded \$9,000 per year (\$ 4,500 per semester). The application must be received in the SCRCD by the deadline stated below.

Qualifications and Selection Criteria:

- Christian Commitment
- A minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.2 for incoming first-year APU applicants
- Demonstrate passion for promoting multicultural awareness and racial reconciliation
- Proven leadership skills (e.g., President of Student Council, Youth Group Leader, Club Officer, etc.)

Requirements:

- Active involvement as an advocate for ethnic diversity, racial reconciliation, and multicultural awareness
- Active participation in approved student leadership position by your second year at APU
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 (cumulative and per semester)
- On-campus residence (every year)
- Active involvement in a local church
- Two leadership courses, as outlined in the leadership studies minor, and one diversity course during your four years at APU
- Required participation in MEL program activities (monthly meetings, retreats, workshops, conferences, etc)

Application Process:

To apply for this scholarship, please visit our website at www.apu.edu/mep/scholarship/multiethnic

1. Email the completed MEL application (DOC) as an attachment to melscholarship@apu.edu
2. Fax or mail a completed reference form (PDF) to the following:

MEL Scholars Coordinator
The Student Center for Reconciliation & Diversity
Azusa Pacific University
P.O. Box 7000
Azusa, California 91702-7000

Fax: (626) 815-2010

All Application Materials are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 7th, 2014.

For questions please contact Kristine Cody, the MEL Scholars Coordinator, at (626) 815-6000, Ext. 3720.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Student ID: ____-____-_____

Gender: Male Female

Birth date: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-mail (APU E-mail, if applicable): _____

WITH REGARD TO YOUR RACE/ETHNICITY, PLEASE SELECT WITH WHICH YOU IDENTIFY:

- White/Caucasian/European American African American Asian or Pacific Islander
 Middle Eastern Hispanic/Latino Native American/Eskimo
 Bi-racial: Multi-racial: Other:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Class standing (based on units earned): _____ Major/Minor: _____

High School, Community College, or University: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

REFERENCE

Please provide one completed reference form from a faculty or staff member at your high school or present institution. **It should be received no later than the application deadline (5 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2014).**

ESSAY

Please email your responses to the following questions in approximately **one paragraph each** (responses must be emailed to melscholarship@apu.edu):

1. Please list and describe your leadership experience.
2. How has your ethnicity and/or culture impacted your life experience and your understanding of issues related to ethnic and cultural diversity?
3. Why do you want to be involved in the MEL program? What strengths would you bring?
4. How have you advocated for ethnic and cultural diversity in the past? If chosen to participate in the MEL program, please describe some of the potential challenges.