

Winona State University
Counselor Education Department
Minority Scholarship \$1000



Scholarship Information

The purpose of the scholarship is to recruit and retain diverse students in Counselor Education Department at WSU. The scholarship was founded in 2015 as a Minority Counseling Student Scholarship by the Counselor Education Department. It intends to support underrepresented students due to their race, ethnicity, sexuality, and/or physical disability. The scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded to one individual per academic year. Newly admitted students and currently enrolled students may apply for this scholarship.

Counselor Education Department strives for excellence in diversity and multiculturalism. This scholarship is designed to promote the recruitment and retention of diverse students, specifically minority students based on their race, ethnicity, sexuality or physical disability. Our mission is to increase the number of diverse counseling professionals in the counseling field in order to meet the needs of ever diversifying and mobile society.

This scholarship is designed to promote students who are excelling academically and in need of financial assistance during their graduate studies.

An award of \$1000 will be made from the Minority Scholarship fund. If the recipient needs to complete only one semester for graduation, \$500.00 will be awarded for that semester.

Eligibility Criteria

Recipients must be enrolled at least 6 credits in the CED per semester during the award period and have completed one full semester. Recipients must also be in good standing in terms of GPA and completion rate for coursework. Recipients should indicate race, ethnicity, sexuality, and/or physical disability.

Application Process and Essay

Students should send their Minority Scholarship Application to Dr. Mary Fawcett (mfawcett@winona.edu) via attachment in an email. The application is an essay based on the following topics:

- reasons they have chosen Counselor Education as a graduate program
- ways that their minority status impacts their professional development
- future professional goals/objectives
- demonstrated success in Clinical Mental Health or School Counseling academic achievement or community involvement to date

Due Date for Application Essay and Notification of Award

All applications should be received by Dr. Fawcett by April 1 for the following academic year. The Scholarship Committee from the Counselor Education Department will make final selection of the recipient based on the Eligibility Criteria and the quality of the Application Essay. Recipients will be notified of the decision to award or decline the offer of the Minority Scholarship in writing by the department chair via email by April 30.

Financial Aid Considerations

Students should be aware that receiving any scholarship funds might impact their financial award from WSU Financial Aid Office.

Questions

Students may send questions regarding this scholarship to Dr. Mary Fawcett (mfawcett@winona.edu).