

Scholarship Awards: Criteria and Application Process

Department of Professional Studies (DPS) George Fox University 2018 - 2019

The faculty and staff of the Department of Professional Studies (DPS) serve as the Scholarship Award Committee for the DPS endowed scholarship funds. It is the intention of this Committee to award a scholarship each fall and each spring semester to deserving applicants who are selected solely by this Committee. Both scholarships will be in the amount of \$450. The following guidelines apply to applicants:

- ❖ Applicants must be taking degree completion cohort courses at the time of application.
- ❖ Applicants must be current in all required coursework (i.e., no “incomplete” grades pending).
- ❖ Applicants must demonstrate passion for academics, community service, and leadership.
- ❖ Applicants must complete the online FAFSA and have it sent to George Fox University (school code 003194) to demonstrate a financial need. If you have already submitted a FAFSA for the 2018-2019 school year, you do not need to submit it again.
- ❖ Applicants must submit their professional resume.
- ❖ Applicants must include a letter of recommendation from a professional reference.
- ❖ Applicants must use MyGFU to download and print an unofficial copy of their transcript. This transcript must be attached to the formal application.
- ❖ Applicants must submit a 1- to 2-page summary of their professional goals, specifying how their major will help to meet those goals.
- ❖ Preference is given to students who are not currently receiving other scholarships, grants, or waivers (e.g., Veteran Administration benefits, Foundation grants, etc.).

Applications will be reviewed by DPS faculty using the following criteria:

a. Scholarship based on GPA (1 to 10 points)

- 3.000 – 3.250 2 points
- 3.251 – 3.500 4 points
- 3.501 – 3.750 6 points
- 3.751 – 4.000 8 points

Plus 1 point for 6 semester hours or more of LACC/GE or elective courses graded and earned at GFU.

Plus 1 point for 12 semester hours or more of LACC/GE or elective courses graded and earned at GFU.

b. Professional Goals Summary (1 to 10 points)

- clear summary of career aspirations
- connection of DPS major to professional goals
- specific language/examples
- professional ambition/focus

c. Professional Resume (1 to 10 points)

- related experience
- clear presentation
- professional achievement
- leadership/service activities

d. Professional Reference (1 to 10 points)

- student's personal qualities/challenges
- student's potential in chosen profession
- student's commitment to completing degree
- general observations/comments

e. Financial Need (1 to 10 points)

- Plus 10 points for a demonstrated financial need
- Minus 4 points if receiving other scholarships
- Minus 3 points if receiving grants

(Total: 50 points possible)

FALL 2018 DPS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Instructions

1. Please type or print clearly the following information.
2. Sign and date your form.
3. Complete the online FAFSA at least one week before the deadline and have it sent to GFU.
4. Attach a copy of your unofficial transcript.
5. Attach your professional goals summary.
6. Attach your professional resume.
7. Attach a letter of recommendation from a professional reference.
8. Submit your completed application by April 30, 2018, to Courtney Elrod, DPS Department Coordinator, at the Portland Center. (celrod@georgefox.edu) Hard copy or scanned copies with a signature are acceptable.

Personal Information

Applicant Name: _____ Student ID #: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home or Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Preferred Email Address: _____

Academic Information

Major: _____ Cohort Number: _____

Nepotism Statement

Ethical standards require applicants to identify any relation to current George Fox University faculty, staff, and/or board members. Are you related by family kinship to any George Fox University faculty, staff, and/or board members? (Please circle one answer.) YES NO

Authorization Statements

Please initial both of the following statements, acknowledging you understand both:

1. I give the DPS Scholarship Committee permission to review the personal and academic materials I have provided or submitted as part of this application process. I further understand that this Committee will maintain one copy of my materials for administrative review. All other copies will be shredded. (Please initial here.) _____
2. I certify that the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge and grant my permission for the information contained herein to be shared with the DPS Scholarship Award Committee. (Please initial here.) _____

Student signature: _____ Today's date: _____

Reminder: Enclose Required Attachments