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## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS**

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOLARSHIP**

**2017-2018**

The Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship is presented each year to a Colorado State University graduate student. The award provides full support for one academic year.

#### Basic Features:

- This program is fully competitive and open to persons of any and all ethnic backgrounds.
- One award is given per year and is non-renewable.
- Scholarship of \$9,000 (½ to be paid by the awardee's academic college and ½ to be paid by The Graduate School) plus Resident Instruction tuition for the academic year.
- This is a merit-based award. No work is required of the recipient, however, the awardee is expected to participate and be recognized at the 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration activities at Colorado State University.
- Applications due February 13, 2017.
- The Martin Luther King Jr. Committee reviews applications.
- Winner announced the week of March 13, 2017. Recipient will be formally recognized and presented with their award at the Celebrate Colorado State Awards event.

#### Eligibility:

##### **To apply:**

Any US citizen admitted to the Graduate School pursuing a graduate degree.

##### **To receive the award:**

Good academic standing and full time (9 credits on-campus Resident Instruction courses excluding audits and Continuing Education credits) enrollment for 2017-2018. Persons on probation, who are

provisionally admitted, or who are enrolled for Continuing Education courses or pursuing a graduate distance degree through Continuing Education are ineligible to receive the award.

Criteria for selection:

1. Academic excellence--the awardee must have achieved an excellent record in formal course work and in addition must have shown accomplishment and promise in the type of scholarship, research, or artistry that is characteristic of his or her discipline. Evidence of awards, recognitions, publications, performances, or exhibitions is important. Letters of recommendation and available test scores also are examined.
2. Service to and advancement of underrepresented student education--the awardee must have actively contributed to the enhancement of individuals from ethnically diverse populations and must have served as a role model. Activities that have aided specific individuals, which have advanced institutional policy for diversity, which have called attention to educational needs, which have encouraged persons of historically underrepresented groups to seek education, or which have had similar effects are appropriate.

Application:

**Items 1-3 (below) must be submitted in a PDF format and sent as one attachment to [Debbie.Sheaffer@colostate.edu](mailto:Debbie.Sheaffer@colostate.edu).** All documents should reference MLK Jr. Scholarship on the Subject line. Each application should consist of the following:

1. Application cover sheet available at: <http://graduateschool.colostate.edu/applicationcover2017/>
2. A narrative in which the applicant a) discusses his or her qualifications for this award and b) describes academic plans and professional/personal goals (maximum 3 pages single-spaced).
3. A complete resume that indicates all academic accomplishments, recognitions, and contributions to service.
4. At least one letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with the applicant's scholarly work. \*
5. At least one letter of recommendation from a person familiar with the candidate's involvement with historically underrepresented groups. \*

In addition, transcripts and other indicators of academic performance available in the applicants' University files, will be examined. Applicants need not submit additional copies of transcripts or scores.

\*Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to Debbie Sheaffer, MLK Jr. Scholarship Coordinator, 108 Student Services, Colorado State University, Fort Collins CO 80523, or may be sent via e-mail to [Debbie.Sheaffer@colostate.edu](mailto:Debbie.Sheaffer@colostate.edu). Please note that awardee may be required to submit all original signed recommendation letters.