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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS ADVANCING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP 2024-2025

The Advancing Education Scholarship honors the legacy and memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., who devoted his life to advance civil rights and equity for all people across the United States. This scholarship is awarded each year to a Colorado State University graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in promoting equities in education for underrepresented and/or racially minoritized students. The award provides a \$9,000 scholarship and resident tuition for one academic year.

Scholarship Award Features:

- This program is fully competitive and open to persons of all identities and cultural backgrounds.
- One award is given by the Graduate School per year and is non-renewable.
- This is a merit-based award. No work is required of the recipient; however, the awardee is expected to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration activities at Colorado State University. Upon award acceptance, the awardee will need to provide a high-resolution headshot for use in University promotional materials. A representative from the Office of University Advancement may contact the awardee to gather information about the impact of the award on the recipient's professional development. This information may be shared with donors for the purpose of donor stewardship.
- Applications are due December 8, 2023.
- The Graduate Center for Inclusive Mentoring Awards Committee reviews applications and recommends the awardee to the graduate School Dean for final approval.
- The winner will be announced campus wide the week of March 25, 2024.





Eligibility:

To apply:

Any domestic student admitted to the Graduate School and pursuing a graduate degree may apply. International students are not eligible to apply.

To receive the award:

Good academic standing and full time (9 credits on-campus Resident Instruction courses excluding audits and CSU Online credits) enrollment for 2024-2025. Persons on probation, who are provisionally admitted, or who are enrolled for CSU Online courses or pursuing a graduate distance degree through CSU Online are ineligible to receive the award.

Criteria for selection:

1. Service as a role model and for the educational advancement of underrepresented and/or racially minoritized students. Examples of educational advancement activities include education outreach activities that have aided specific individuals, advanced institutional policy for equity and inclusion, called attention to educational needs, encouraged persons of underrepresented and/or racially minoritized groups to seek education or other related activities.
2. 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 their discipline. Evidence of awards, recognitions, publications, performances, or exhibitions is important. Letters of recommendation and available test scores also are examined.

Application:

Items 1-3 (below) must be submitted online. All documents should reference: Advancing Education Scholarship. Each application should consist of the following:

1. The online application is available at:
GraduateSchool.ColoState.edu/Financial/Financial-Aid-Opportunities/



2. A narrative in which the applicant a) discusses their qualifications for this award and b) describes academic plans and professional/personal goals (maximum 3 pages single-spaced).
3. A complete resume or CV (maximum 2 pages single-spaced) 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 Serena Penn, Advancing Education Scholarship Coordinator, 108 Student Services, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins CO 80523, or may be sent via email to Serena.Penn@colostate.edu. Please note that the awardee may be required to submit all original signed recommendation letters.