

## **DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP SCHOLAR AWARD**

Welcome to this guide to the Diversity Leadership Scholar Award. This information is to acquaint prospective students and families from diverse backgrounds with award criteria. The following information will describe the scholarship program for graduating multicultural high school seniors with plans for furthering their education at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. MVNU is committed to recruiting promising admitted candidates who are willing to become Diversity Leadership Scholars making an impact both on and off campus.

### **AWARD CRITERIA**

Criteria for selection of recipients are based on the applicant's race and ethnicity; spiritual development; demonstration of potential for academic success in the chosen field of study; and the applicant's record showing service to the church, school and community. Financial need is also considered. This packet of information includes:

- An application for providing personal information
- A personal resume
- A required biographical essay
- Three character letters of reference (you must submit two out of three):
  - One high school/college teacher or administrator
  - One adult community member not related to you
  - One from a pastor or church staff member

Particular attention to the application and details are very important. The packet should be returned in good shape and any information sheets attached to the application form should be clearly identified. Finally, it is extremely important that all parts of the packet are turned in on time.

### **Terms and Conditions of the Program**

- Leadership scholars must maintain at least a 2.3 GPA
- Leadership scholars will remain full time students and maintain good academic standing. Students falling below standards will have one semester to improve grades or lose the award.
- Leadership scholars will be assigned a faculty advisor from their academic department and a student mentor. Leadership scholar athletes must participate/attend service learning activities provided by the Athletic Department.
- Each scholar is responsible for attending monthly leadership meetings and completing assigned leadership activities.
- Leadership scholars will assist in Admissions presentations and become hosts for new multicultural prospects and families during multicultural visitation days.
- Leadership scholars may attend one summer Orientation session during the summer. Orientation seminars will include presentations and interaction with new first-year students and mentoring assignments with new multicultural students.
- Leadership scholars may receive additional funding from other sources during the scholarship period, but MVNU will not duplicate funds provided by other sources.
- Depending on tax laws in the home and host countries, the scholarships may be taxable in part or in full. It is the scholar's responsibility to investigate tax regulations as they pertain to scholarship funding.
- Any applicant for the program whose native language is not English must provide evidence of ability to read, write, and speak English by submitting official scores from the TOEFL Exam.