AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY NORTH

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM AND THE ONLINE APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND AT: www.minoritiesinphysics.org

PURPOSE

The American Physical Society Committee on Minorities in Physics has created this scholarship program for minority undergraduate physics majors. The purpose of this program is to significantly increase the level of underrepresented minority participation in physics in the United States. Underrepresented minorities in this context are defined as African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans.

ELIGIBILITY

Any African American, Hispanic American, or Native American U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident who is majoring or plans to major in physics and who is a high school senior, college freshman or sophomore is eligible to apply. The scholarship will begin in the fall of the following year.

DESCRIPTION

Each scholarship consists of \$2,000 for new students, and \$3,000 for renewal students for tuition, room, board, or educational materials. The scholarship may be renewed one time. Renewal is granted after the APS Selection Committee has reviewed the renewal application. Each scholarship recipient will also be matched with two accomplished physicists who will serve as mentors; one will be a local mentor, the other will be an APS mentor.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The APS Committee on Minorities in Physics, appointed by the APS President, will select the scholarship recipients on the basis of the commitment to the study of physics and the pursuit of a physics baccalaureate degree.

HOST INSTITUTIONS

Students from all U.S. colleges, universities, and high schools may apply for an APS Scholarship for Minority Undergraduate Physics Majors provided they meet the eligibility requirements. Host institutions must have a physics department and/or provide for the procurement of a physics degree. The Selection Committee especially encourages applications from students attending, or with the intention of attending institutions with historically or predominately Black, Hispanic, or Native American enrollment.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must complete all five parts of the online application and have all of the required documentation sent to our office in order to be considered. The final application should include:

- One completed online student application with personal statement. The online application can be found at www.aps.org/programs/minorities/honors/scholarship/
- Two completed reference forms in sealed envelopes with reference's signature across the seal, or the form may be scanned and emailed to our office from the reference's institutional email account. At least one of the references must be from a science or math teacher/professor. For renewal students, both references must be from math or science professors.
- Current, official transcripts in sealed envelopes with registrar's stamp or seal across the envelopes seal.
 - High school seniors: cumulative high school transcripts
 - College freshmen: high school and college transcripts
 - College sophomores: college transcripts
- Academic aptitude test scores (SAT, ACT) sent directly to the APS office. The Educational Testing Service code for sending SAT scores to APS is 0634; the ACT code for the APS is 2675.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

ADVICE FOR COMPLETING APPLICATIONS

The personal statement carries a great deal of weight with the selection committee. Students should take the time to write thoughtful, meaningful and complete answers to the questions.