GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

SUNY Plattsburgh’s Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program provides the equivalent of full in-state tuition for up to five students who apply to one of SUNY Plattsburgh’s Graduate Degree Programs for Fall matriculation, pending SUNY funding. The deadline for Graduate Study Applications for the Fall semester and the Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program is February 15th of each year.

The newly applying graduate student must complete an essay explaining how s/he contributes to the diversity of the student body in his or her graduate program and how s/he has overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. Examples could include, but are not limited to: as a member of a group underrepresented in your field of study (e.g., male in an historically female career or female in traditionally male career, minority in a field of study with few minority workers); as a first-generation college student; as a non-traditional student (e.g., single mother or father or older adult student); as a person with a disability or disabilities; and/or as a person from an economically disadvantaged background.

The fellowship will be awarded for the Fall and Spring semesters for one academic year (dependent on the awardee's academic progress). Recipients must be full-time students during the period of the award; in most cases, this means enrollment in a minimum of 12 graduate credits applicable toward the degree. Fellowship funds are credited to your college account and any funds in excess of your college charges may be used for other educational expenses, including books and supplies, room, meals, personal and transportation.

ELIGIBILITY
To be eligible for a SUNY Plattsburgh Graduate Diversity Fellowship, an applicant must:
1) Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident,
2) Be a newly applying graduate student to a Master's or Certificate of Advanced Study degree program,
3) Be able to contribute to diversity in the graduate degree program or field of study (e.g., diversity in the broadest sense of the word),
4) Have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education,
5) Have high intellectual and professional promise,
6) Have completed and submitted an application by February 15th for Fall matriculation. This is a firm deadline.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Applications are available on-line at www.plattsburgh.edu/financialaid; click Forms on the left menu bar. You can also contact the Graduate Admissions Office, SUNY Plattsburgh--113 Kehoe, 101 Broad Street, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901; (518) 564-4723; e-mail: graduate@plattsburgh.edu. In order to be considered, you must submit a completed Graduate Diversity Fellowship Application by February 15th, the same deadline as that for Fall Graduate Study Applications.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE
Selection will be based on meeting the eligibility requirements described above, quality of prior academic record (as reflected in transcripts, appropriate test scores, and letters of recommendation included in the Admission Application), and financial need (as reflected in a FASFA or copy of most recent income tax statement). Announcements of awardees will take place after the February 15th deadline and after all graduate degree programs have made their decisions about whom to accept.
SUNY PLATTSBURGH
APPLICATION FOR
SUNY GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP
The fellowship is the equivalent of full in-state tuition for one academic year

Please read eligibility criteria in the program guidelines before completing this application.

Name ___________________________ Student ID # ___________________________

Mailing Address

Street
City
State
Zip

Phone ___________________________ E-Mail ___________________________

I have submitted an application for full-time (minimum of 12 credits) matriculated graduate study at SUNY Plattsburgh for:

Fall ___________________________ in the ___________________________ program.

Graduate Degree Program

Diversity Statement: In 400 words or less, explain how you will contribute to diversity in the student body in the graduate program to which you seek admission. Examples could include, but are not limited to: as a member of a group underrepresented in the field; as a first-generation college student; as a person with disabilities; and/or as a person from an economically disadvantaged background. If you have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education, please explain how you did so.

I have read, and I understand, the Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program Guidelines, and I testify to the accuracy of the information in this application, including my Diversity Statement.

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Applicant Signature Date

Submit this application and your Diversity Statement by February 15th to:

Graduate Admissions Office
SUNY Plattsburgh
Kehoe 113
101 Broad Street
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

This application and your Diversity Statement will be reviewed along with your Application for Admission to Graduate Study and supporting materials.

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