

# **Application for Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship**

The Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship Program (ESDHSP) is designed to direct aid to undergraduate students who have demonstrated academic achievement and overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. Candidates will contribute to the diversity of the student body by demonstrating their commitment to facilitating and enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in their academic programs and activities.

The Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship Program is open to any and all prospective candidates regardless of race, color, national origin, or sex, and is consistent with all current governing federal and state nondiscrimination law. All application submissions will be assessed and evaluated in accordance with the required eligibility criteria.

## **Program Eligibility Requirements**

### ***To participate in the ESDHSP, candidates are required to:***

1. Be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status,
2. Be a New York Resident and
3. Demonstrate how they have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education.
4. Demonstrate a commitment to contributing to the diversity of the student body by facilitating and enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in their academic programs and campus activities.

Even though financial need is not a requirement for program eligibility, applicants may utilize economic disadvantage as a basis for eligibility.

### **Preference will be given to candidates who are:**

From a low-income background (e.g. pell eligible), were first-generation college students (student's whose parents have not earned a bachelor's degree), have overcome adversity, are AmeriCorps alumni, or are veterans.



**All Campus distributions are pending annual state budget approval. While we have been awarding campuses scholarships for many years, funding may not be guaranteed every year.**

**Please complete the application on the back of this page.**

## To apply, complete this form and essay requirement.

Send completed requirements to [finaid@herkimer.edu](mailto:finaid@herkimer.edu) or drop them off at the financial aid office.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **H** \_\_\_\_\_  
ID #

3. Are you a New York State Resident? Yes / No (circle one)

4. Citizenship Status (required)

US Citizen: Yes [ ] No [ ]

Permanent Resident: Yes [ ] No [ ]

**Please check any of the preference criteria that may apply to you:** (optional)

Please also describe how each of the preference categories chosen below is applicable to you and your related experience thereof. (**Required** if any preference categories are selected)

\_\_\_\_\_ From a low-income background: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pell Eligible as an undergraduate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ First generation college student: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Have overcome adversity: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ An AmeriCorps Alumni: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Veteran of the U.S. armed services: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Essay - Required**

**Please attach a 600 typewritten word essay responding to the following prompt:**

*“Please describe how you’ve engaged, facilitated, and/or enhanced diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in your campus and/or local community. Examples could include personal, academic, and/or work experience and may include, but is not limited to, student’s potential to contribute to enhancing diversity efforts in their academic programs at SUNY and campus communities; experiences overcoming economic, social, educational disadvantages, and/or other barriers”.*

**Please read and sign:**

I voluntarily submitted all information provided on this application. To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied on this form is correct. I understand that this information is subject to verification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Today’s Date