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# PRESIDENTIAL GRADUATE DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

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**GOAL** The goal of this merit-based award is to promote diversity within the graduate student population at Bowling Green State University. To meet this goal, we encourage applicants from underrepresented populations to apply.

**DESCRIPTION** The Presidential Graduate Diversity Scholarship will be offered on a competitive basis to Summer 2019 and Fall 2019 applicants with strong academic qualifications as defined by the admission criteria of the Graduate College and the respective graduate program. This one-time award will consist of a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 for master's or specialist students or \$7,500 for doctoral students, in addition to any financial support that might be offered by the student's program.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA** To apply for this award, applicants must have a completed Summer 2019 or Fall 2019 Graduate College application on file. To receive this award, applicants must be domestic students newly admitted to a master's, specialist, or doctoral program at BGSU (i.e., first semester graduate students).

**APPLICATION PROCESS** The applicant submits a cover page including name, address, email, phone, BGSU academic program, former institution(s) with programs and degrees received, former institution GPA, and standardized test scores. The applicant submits an essay (max 500 words). The applicant should answer the following two questions:

1. Given your own diversity, describe how receipt of this award will promote diversity within the graduate student community.
2. Describe the importance of diversity to your academic discipline.

The Graduate College collects academic transcripts, test scores, and other admissions materials as needed to assess applications. All materials should be emailed to [gradscholarships@bgsu.edu](mailto:gradscholarships@bgsu.edu). Please use the subject line "Graduate Diversity Scholarship Application."

**DATES** Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, however no applications will be accepted after 5:00pm on March 1, 2019. Notifications for award winners will be made no later than April 1, 2019.

**EVALUATION PROCESS** Applications will be reviewed based on: (a) academic qualifications; (b) writing content; and (c) writing quality. Preference will be given to applicants from underrepresented populations and those entering doctoral programs.

**QUESTIONS** Send questions to [gradscholarships@bgsu.edu](mailto:gradscholarships@bgsu.edu).

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