



# MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY

*Tomorrow's Healthcare Team*

## MWU Institutional Scholarships

### MWU Diversity Scholarship

#### **Description**

The Delta Dental of Illinois Diversity Admissions Scholarship was created by Delta Dental of Illinois, for the students of the College of Dental Medicine – Illinois, a college of Midwestern University.

The Delta Dental of Illinois Diversity Admissions Scholarship will be used to provide need-based scholarships for qualified students in the College of Dental Medicine-Illinois on the Downers Grove Campus. Two \$50,000 admissions scholarships are to be awarded each year to two incoming first-year students.

Strengthening and promoting diversity in the healthcare workforce is a critical component of Midwestern University's mission to educate the twenty-first century healthcare team to meet the needs of all members of our society.

#### **Eligibility**

**Class Year at Time of Application:** 1st year

**Programs:** College of Dental Medicine Illinois

#### **Minimum GPA**

N/A.

## **Criteria/Requirements**

Recipients must be underrepresented minorities, as defined by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which include any individual who is American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Definitions of these populations appear below:

- American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.
- Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- Hispanic or Latino: A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin without regard to race.
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible student applicants based on the following criteria:

- Past academic performance.
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity through leadership roles, past academic projects/research, participation in working with underrepresented groups, employment, and/or community service activities.
- Preference given to first-generation college students.
- Demonstrated financial need. You must have completed the Financial Aid Application process so that financial need can be evaluated.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the College of Dental Medicine-Illinois Admissions Committee.

Scholarship recipients are expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress and follow the moral and ethical standards of conduct which are outlined in the "Code of Responsibilities and Rights of the Students of MWU" in Appendix 1 of

the MWU Student Handbook. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email and are expected to personally write a thank you note to the donors; the recipient authorizes Midwestern University to forward a photo to the donor.

**Terms**

By completing this application and competing for this scholarship, I agree to the release of my name, a short bio and photo in any Midwestern University announcements concerning this scholarship program, if selected.

**This is only an application for the Delta Dental of Illinois Diversity Admissions Scholarship and does not constitute either an offer or contractual obligation on the part of Midwestern University to grant the scholarship.**