



# MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY

*Tomorrow's Healthcare Team*

## MWU Institutional Scholarships

### **Delta Dental of Illinois Diversity Admissions Scholarship**

#### **Description**

**Delta Dental of Illinois** has created a named scholarship for the students of the College of Dental Medicine - Illinois, a college of Midwestern University (MWU), to be administered according to the following provisions:

The \$100,000 annual gift shall be distributed to incoming first-year students, as follows: one \$50,000 admissions scholarship, one \$20,000 scholarship, and three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each. 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.

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

#### **Eligibility**

**Deposited Applicant Program at Time of Application:** Dental Medicine

#### **Criteria/Requirements**

Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible deposited MWU applicants of the Illinois Dental program based on the following criteria:

- Personal Statement: Upload a personal statement of approximately 300-500 words demonstrating your commitment to diversity through leadership roles, past academic project/research, participation in working with underrepresented groups, employment, and/or community service activities. Describe your commitment to reducing healthcare disparities and providing culturally competent healthcare to future patients.
- Past academic performance/GPA
- Demonstrated financial need. Applicants must have completed the Financial Aid Application process so that financial need can be evaluated.
- Interview
- Preference will be given to first-generation college students

Awards will not be automatically renewed from year to year.

### Uploads

Personal Statement

### Short Answer

None

### Questions (Y/N, Select)

First Generation

Underrepresented Minority

### Terms

The application and completed essay must be received by **designated time** by the Office of Student Financial Services on the **deadline date**.

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

If selected, the recipients are asked to agree to the release of name, a short bio and photo as a recipient in any Midwestern University announcements concerning this scholarship program. The recipients are asked to personally write a thank you note to the MWU Response Team.

THE APPLICATION FOR THE DELTA DENTAL OF ILLINOIS DIVERSITY ADMISSIONS SCHOLARSHIP DOES NOT CONSTITUTE EITHER AN OFFER OR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY TO GRANT THE SCHOLARSHIP.