



2021 Graduate Scholarship Application

As a leader in our community who strives to improve diversity, equity and inclusion in public systems, Excelsior is committed to change systems from within for racial and ethnic minorities pursuing advanced degrees in criminal justice, education, and healthcare. We believe a diverse workforce is necessary to realize the potential in any professional field, especially the helping professions.

Eligibility Requirements

Excelsior will provide selected applicants with a scholarship award for the 2021-2022 school year during which the applicant must be:

- Enrolled, or is accepted for enrollment, as a full-time or part-time student in an accredited educational institution within the United States.
- Enrolled or accepted into an advanced degree program in Healthcare, Behavioral Health (Mental Health or Substance Use), Criminal Justice, Education or related degree.

Individuals who were awarded scholarships in the 2020-2021 cycle are **not** eligible to apply for this year's funding but will be eligible for the 2022-2023 cycle.

Important Dates and Information

Applications and supporting documentation are due by midnight, **September 4, 2021**. Announcement of grant awardees will occur the week of **September 13, 2021**.

Excelsior will select the top 10 applications for awards up to \$5,000.

All answers must be typed. Applications and all supporting documentation can be submitted to DEIScholarship@ExcelsiorWellness.org.

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All boxes must be completed on this page for your application to be considered

Contact Information

Name (first, middle initial, last): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Demographic

Preferred Gender Pronouns:

He/his/him She/hers/her They/them/their Other _____

Race and Ethnicity (Check all that apply):

African American/Black Asian Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White
Hispanic/Latino American Indian/Alaska Native Other: _____
Tribal Affiliation(s): _____

Education

University/College: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Major/Course of Study: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

*Documents must be submitted with this application to verify enrollment/acceptance

Signature

I have checked all the forms for omissions and errors and I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsifying any information may result in the revocation of my application and any scholarship granted to me by Excelsior

Electronic Signature _____ Date _____

Essay Questions

1. *What are your academic and/or career goals? What motivates you to pursue them? (Max 500 words)*

2. *Describe a time when you advocated for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. (For example, in a school setting, at work, or in your personal life) (Max 500 words)*

3. *What does cultural intelligence mean to you and why is it important? (Max 500 words)*

4. *Explain why you believe it's important to increase the number of racial and ethnic minorities in the fields of Medicine, Behavioral Health, Criminal Justice, Education, and/or Public Health. (Max 500 words)*

5. *How will a scholarship from Excelsior help you achieve your goals? (Max 500 words)*