Provost Minority Graduate Scholars Program

The Provost Minority Graduate Scholars Program is designed to recruit high-achieving new minority graduate students to Murray State University’s graduate programs. This competitive award is based upon scholastic achievement and a formal interview with the selection committee.

Applicants selected by the committee will be invited to campus for a formal interview (in person or by Skype) in March. After the interview has concluded, students will have the opportunity to tour campus and meet with faculty members in their respective program.

The program covers the cost of tuition and the students receive a yearly stipend award of $16,000. The award is for two consecutive years (summer and winter terms excluded). In order for the award to be renewed yearly, recipients must maintain a 3.2 cumulative GPA, full-time graduate status, and fulfill the monthly work requirements assigned by their mentor. The PMGS program cannot be combined with any other MSU scholarships or financial aid packages.

Eligibility criteria include the following:

• Must be an African-American or Hispanic resident of Kentucky or an MSU Regional Incentive Area (Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Missouri). Preference will be given to students new to the MSU community.

• Must be admitted to a graduate program or pending review by a department as a degree-seeking student by March 1.

• Must have achieved a minimum undergraduate or graduate cumulative grade point average of 3.2 (on 4.0 scale).

• Must enroll in a minimum of 9 graduate hours of graduate coursework during the semesters of the award and maintain a 3.2 GPA.

• Must work on campus with an MSU provided mentor (faculty or professional staff) for a minimum of 20 documented hours per week. Duties may include but are not limited to assisting with the teaching of a course or lab, assisting with special projects, research, hosting student affairs type activities, or other duties as assigned.

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