McNeill Academic Program
McNeill CU LEAD Scholarship
Spring 2013

The CU Leadership, Excellence, Achievement, and Diversity (LEAD) scholarship program offers a range of services and financial benefits for highly motivated students of color and first generation college students. The scholarship award is currently $750 per semester. The award is renewable up to a total of $6000.00. Renewal each fall and spring semester is automatic assuming awarded student is meeting scholarship requirements. Failure to meet scholarship requirements will result in revocation.
NOTE*: All applicants must be current participants in the McNeill Academic Program not currently receiving a LEAD scholarship from any source.*

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of:

- Demonstrated need
- Quality of completed application
- Student not already receiving a LEAD scholarship
- Student enrolled in required McNeill courses, if applicable (math, writing, coseminars)
- fulfilled the Power Hour requirement
- participated in Academic Intensive (1st year students)
- participated in McNeill Kickoffs (sophomores, juniors and seniors)
- met with his/her McNeill coordinator at least once during the semester
- minimum GPA of 2.5 (if your GPA is below a 2.5, you may be eligible if your GPA demonstrates a recent upward trend.)

Scholarship Requirements

Once a student is awarded the McNeill LEAD Scholarship, the scholarship will be automatically renewed each semester, up to 8 semesters, if the following requirements are met:

- Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Enroll as a full-time student
- Enroll in required McNeill courses
- Attend the Academic Intensive (*Freshmen only*)
- Attend the Kick-Off Event for your class (*Sophomores through Seniors only*)
- Attend 2 Power Hours in the fall and in the spring semesters
- Attend Take 2 event (*Freshmen only*)
- Become a McNeill Volunteer (*McNeill Mentor Program, Student Shadowing, Academic Intensive, Take 2 or other volunteer in other areas*)
- Meet with your Academic Coordinator at least 1 time per semester

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McNeill CU LEAD Scholarship Application

Instructions

- Provide complete answers to the questions that follow
  - Application must be typed
  - Use full sentences, no grammatical errors
  - Be thoughtful and thorough in your responses
- Use additional pages as needed
- Completed applications are due on or before **Friday, December 7, 2012 at 12 noon.**
  Submit your application in one of the following ways:
  In person: deliver your application to the SASC main office, Fleming 141.
  Mail to: McNeill LEAD Scholarship
  SASC
  109 UCB
  Boulder, CO 80309-0109
  Email your application to sascwork@colorado.edu
  Fax to 303-492-3035
- NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Applications meeting the following criteria will be given stronger consideration:

1. **Submission of a complete, thoughtful and well written application**
   Work with your coordinator to compose a strong and competitive application. You should be able to use your responses on this application for other scholarship opportunities.

2. **McNeill Coordinator Signature**
   Coordinators will sign your application only if you consulted with him/her on your application and you made suggested improvements. *(Keep the deadline in mind and give the coordinator a few days to review your application.)*

McNeill Academic Coordinators are not obligated to sign your application if you did not consult with him/her. The signature is not required.

Academic coordinator signature_____

Name_____

Student ID_____**Class level:** **Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior**

Email_____**Cumulative GPA:**_____

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On a separate sheet of paper, provide complete answers to each of the following questions:

1. I completed and submitted a FAFSA for the current academic year.
   □ Yes □ No
   If no, please explain why you did not submit a FAFSA

2. Describe any personal or family circumstances affecting your need for financial assistance.

3. Tell us about one or more instance when you felt a sense of accomplishment and discuss how or why it was significant. You may include examples from any aspect of your life such as academic, extra-curricular, community service, family, or work.