The Center for Intercultural Development and Resources (CIDR) Leadership and Service Scholarship was developed to provide financial assistance for students of color, as well as under-resourced and/or first-generation students, who are committed to strengthening their leadership skills while assisting CIDR in promoting a variety of cultural and ethnic resources to the Bethany campus and community.

Students who receive this scholarship will take an active role in the Center’s mission through participation in: the planning and realization of educational programs, a speaker’s series, and/or other special events sponsored or co-sponsored by the Center.

The scholarship is renewable at an amount of $1,000 per semester ($2,000 annually) for full-time students, and $500 per semester ($1,000 annually) for part-time students (minimum of 9 credits).

Qualifications for this Scholarship

New or returning students who meet the requirements and have enrolled at Bethany Lutheran College may apply. Included with this application must be: two letters of recommendation (from a teacher, coach, counselor, or employer)and a 200-word essay explaining the importance of being able to provide culturally diverse programs and resources to the campus as well as to the extended Bethany community.

The CIDR’s mission is to provide cultural materials, educational programming, and opportunities for service, that promote an understanding and appreciation for the rich cultural heritage, history, and diverse backgrounds of all members of the Bethany family, as well the surrounding community.

Requirements

- Students of color: (Hispanic, African American, Asian, etc.) students who participated in a College Access Program as juniors and/or seniors in high school, and students who are the first ones within their family to attend college
- Admittance into Bethany Lutheran College as a full-time or part-time student
- Remain in good academic standing according to Bethany requirements
- Be an active participant of CIDR, as well as its programs (sponsored and collaborative events, planning sessions, recruitment efforts, resource library)
Scholarship Application

Name: ____________________________________________________________ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ______
(last)                                                            (first)                                                            (middle)

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________________________ State _______ Zip____________________________

Home Phone ( _____ ) _______________________________________ Cell Phone ( _____ ) ________________________________

E-mail Address ________________________________________________________________

High School Name ____________________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________________________ State _______ Zip____________________________

Upcoming Semester Enrollment Status:  ☐ Freshman  ☐ Sophomore  ☐ Junior  ☐ Senior

Applying as a:  ☐ Full-time Student  ☐ Part-time Student

☐ Returning Student  ☐ New Student

Please check all that apply. (*Candidates must make at least one selection from sections A-C)

A. Ethnic Background:

☐ American Indian/Alaska Native  ☐ Asian  ☐ Black/African American

☐ Hispanic/Latino(a)/Chicano(a)  ☐ Multiracial: ________________________________

☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

B. College Readiness Program:

☐ TRiO/Educational Talent Search/Upward Bound  ☐ AVID

☐ MEP (Multicultural Excellence Program)  ☐ College Possible

☐ Get Ready/GEAR UP  ☐ AchieveMPLS

☐ Other: ________________________________ Number of years in the program? _________

C. First Generation Student:

☐ (The first individual in your family to attend college)

*Completed applications must be received by January 31.

Please mail your completed application materials to:

Bethany Office of Admissions
Bethany Lutheran College
700 Luther Drive
Mankato, MN 56001