



DR. ANNA P. BURRELL DIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Description of Program:

The New York State budget includes funds for Buffalo State to administer the Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship (ESDHS) Program for students from a broad range of backgrounds who will contribute to the diversity of its student body in their chosen program or school. Buffalo State has named its program after Dr. Anna P. Burrell who was a pioneer in education at Buffalo State. This program is highly selective and demanding. Please read the eligibility guidelines carefully and return the completed application if you are interested in being considered for the program.

Eligibility Criteria:

Non-academic criteria: Participants must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens and must be New York State residents. Students must explain/demonstrate that they will make a contribution to the diversity of the student body in their program or school, primarily by demonstrating that they have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. Students need to explain why they feel they are eligible in an essay submitted to the award committee. Even though financial need is not a requirement for program eligibility, applicants may utilize economic disadvantage as a basis for eligibility. Membership in a racial/ethnic group that is underrepresented in the program or school for which the student is applying may serve as a plus factor in making awards; however, it will not form the sole basis of such an award. Every student applicant will be evaluated on his or her own merits.

Academic criteria: Eligible students must be matriculated in a degree program, demonstrate high academic achievement and explain the reasons why this choice makes sense according to their interests and abilities. Academic achievement is also demonstrated, for incoming freshman, by having a high school grade point average equivalent to an 85 or higher and be in the top 40% of their class. They also must complete a college preparatory high school program (four years each of English and Social Studies and three to four years each of Mathematics and Science). For other students, such as transfers, high academic achievement is demonstrated by having a 3.0 college grade point average (out of 4.0).



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APPLICATION

SECTION I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 1) Social Security # (last four digits) _____ 2) Gender: M _____ F _____
- 3) Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
- 4) Permanent Mailing Address: Number & Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail Address _____
- 5) Local Mailing Address: Number & Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Last day at this address: _____
 Month Day Year
- 6) Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) ____ / ____ / ____
- 7) Are you a New York State Resident: Yes / No
- 8) Ethnicity (check boxes that apply)
- | | |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| African-American <input type="checkbox"/> | White (non-hispanic) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> | Asian <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Native American <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other (please specify) _____ | |
- 9) Did any of your parents attend college? _____ Yes _____ No

SECTION II: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

For high school students:

10) High School Attended _____

11) Year of High School Graduation _____ 11) H.S. Average _____

12) Intended Academic Major in College _____

For students currently in college:

13) Current college: _____

If a transfer student, date of transfer to Buffalo State: _____

14) Current major: _____

15) Current college GPA _____

List scholastic honors earned in high school or in college (***please write neatly and legibly or type***):

SECTION III: EXTRA-CURRICULAR & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List below in order of importance, school, community or other activities in which you have been involved. Include level of participation, for example, offices held, awards granted, committee chairperson, etc.

Activity	Level of Participation	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SECTION IV: ESSAY (*type-written on a separate sheet of paper and attached to application*):

Describe why you feel you are eligible for this award. If you need guidance about how to address this topic, carefully re-read the eligibility requirements listed in the description of the program.

Applicant's Certification:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all information and statements are accurate. I further understand that if selected to participate in Buffalo State's Dr. Anna P. Burrell Diversity Scholars Program that I am required to attend all workshops/seminars as explained in the brochure. I further understand that my entire application will be given to the scholarship committee for review.

Signature

Date

Please Send Completed Application to:

*Ms. Patricia Ghee
Scholarship Coordinator*

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Buffalo, NY 14222**

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