

Diversity Scholars Program

Dr. Anna P. Burrell

Advisory Committee

A Burrell Diversity Scholars Advisory Committee, selected by the provost and vice president for student affairs, provides guidance for the program. The committee may also assist the program coordinator and the Admissions Office in the selection of students for the program.



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Purpose and Goals of the Program

The Dr. Anna P. Burrell Diversity Scholars Program is designed to enhance student diversity at the college by increasing the enrollment and support for academically-talented, disadvantaged students.

A particular focus of the program is placed on the recruitment and retention of students who contribute to the diversity of the student body and have demonstrated that they have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. The program's four-year graduation rate is 75% for first time, full-time students.

The purpose of the Program is to provide supportive services, activities, and a campus environment that is highly conducive to scholastic achievement.

The Burrell Diversity Scholars Program is not an alternative to the All-College Honors Program. Academically-talented students who qualify should also apply to the All-College Honors Program.

The Burrell Program is funded by the State University of New York Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship Program and Buffalo State College's Foundation Office.

Eligibility Requirements

To apply for the Scholarship Program

at BSC, the student:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident alien
- Must be a New York State resident
- Must demonstrate that he/she has overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education
- Must have completed a college preparatory high school program (four years each of English and Social Studies and three to four years each of Mathematics and Science)
- Must have achieved a minimum 85 percent unweighted high school average or higher
- Must be in the upper 40 percent of high school class
- Must demonstrate involvement in extracurricular activities in high school and in the local community

Supportive Programs and Activities

The program coordinator serves as an academic adviser and mentor for the students, assisting them in attaining their academic goals. The coordinator serves as a liaison for the students with campus offices such as Admissions, Financial Aid, Records and Registration, the Career Development Center, and the various academic departments.

Students in the program will receive at least a \$1,000 scholarship per year to demonstrate the college's high regard for their academic performance.

Continuing students must maintain a 3.00 cumulative grade point average with a minimum of 12 hours of credit earned each semester. In addition, they are required to attend seminars and workshops each semester in which they receive valuable information on career options, graduate schools, grants, fellowships, and internship opportunities. The scholarship is renewable annually for up to four years.

A particular emphasis of the program is placed on developing students' leadership skills while increasing their desire to be involved in volunteerism efforts both on campus and in the local community. During the sophomore year, students participate in a community service component that allows them to network and utilize their academic skills hands-on. Prominent role models and leaders from the Western New York community in fields such as politics, law, medicine, engineering, business, and industry meet with the students to share practical information on their professions.

How to Apply

Students interested in being considered for the Burrell Diversity Scholars Program should complete the application and be accepted to Buffalo State College.