University Neighborhood Partners
Wolf/Meritus Scholarship Application
2015-2016

University Neighborhood Partners (UNP) is pleased to provide scholarships to increase access to higher education. The mission of UNP is to bring together University of Utah and west side resources for reciprocal learning, action, and benefit.... a community coming together.

Up to five scholarships of up to $3,000 each will be awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year:

Harold H. and Joan S. Wolf Scholarship
Meritus Scholarships

Each scholarship may be used for educational expenses, e.g. tuition, fees, books, and/or supplies for any post-secondary program, including vocational and technical training.

ELIGIBILITY
In order to be eligible, you must be one of the following:

- High school senior
- Someone who has earned a GED
- Freshman in an undergraduate program
- Transferring from community college to a four-year institution in pursuit of a bachelor’s degree

In addition, students are required by state law to certify that they are eligible to receive a scholarship as a U.S. citizen or a citizen of another country who is lawfully present in the U.S.

CRITERIA
The following criteria will be used to select scholarship recipients:

1. Brief statement of your personal goals
2. Evidence of commitment to the goals of UNP (promoting partnerships based on mutual empowerment, discovery, and learning that is rooted in diverse life experiences) through volunteering or other community involvement
3. The way in which this support will help you to realize potential for future success
4. Clear statement of your financial need (for example, what will the scholarship be used for?)
5. Preference will be given to current or previous residents of Salt Lake’s west side communities
CONDITIONS
All scholarship recipients must agree to the following conditions:

• Prior to receiving the scholarship, provide documentation showing acceptance to the post-secondary, vocational or technical program of their choice.
• Each semester, meet with UNP’s Academic Consultant (who provides academic support for all scholarship recipients) and provide a copy of an unofficial transcript or other documentation showing progress in selected program.
• Agree to participate in an exit interview at the end of the school year upon request.

Scholarships will be provided in two installments at the beginning of each semester. Scholarship disbursements are contingent on meeting the conditions listed above.

APPLICATION PROCESS & DEADLINE
Application forms may be obtained at UNP (1060 South 900 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84104) or online at www.partners.utah.edu.

All applications must include all of the required information and attachments listed on the following pages. Students who have questions or would like help in filling out the application are encouraged to contact UNP at unp@partners.utah.edu or 801/972-3596.

To be considered, all applications must be received no later than Friday, May 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Applications may be submitted electronically, by mail, or hand-delivered. Applications must be typed or neatly printed.

Finalists may be invited to participate in an interview with members of the Selection Committee.

Submitting (Electronically) via Email
Applications submitted electronically must be emailed to unp@partners.utah.edu by the deadline listed above. Materials must be submitted in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format. Signed applications must have a scanned, original signature.

Submitting by mail or in-person
Application and attachments must be received at the following address by the deadline listed above:

University Neighborhood Partners
1060 South 900 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84104

UNP is not responsible for mailed applications that are not received by the deadline.
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First Name: ____________________  Middle: ____________  Last: ____________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________  State__________  Zip Code _________

Email: ____________________________________________________________  Phone: ______________________

You are currently (please circle one of the following):

High school senior  College freshman  College sophomore  Other (please describe) __________

School or program you attended during the 2014-15 school year:

______________________________________________________________

School or program you will be enrolled in for the 2015-16 school year:

______________________________________________________________

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I certify that the information I have provided is accurate and that I will notify UNP immediately if my circumstances change. I give UNP permission to contact my school or program to request information regarding my financial need. If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to the conditions of the scholarship. I understand that UNP has the right to withhold payment of the scholarship until I meet the conditions.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ________________

Students receiving scholarship, fellowship, or any other financial aid funds administered by the University of Utah, must adhere to Utah State law and certify that he or she is eligible to receive such scholarship funds as a U.S. citizen, or a citizen of another country but lawfully present in the U.S. If students are not certain as to whether or not their stay in the U.S. is a lawful stay, they should seek the advice of an immigration attorney prior to accepting this award. Prior to disbursement of any type of scholarship, fellowship, or financial aid, the University of Utah is required by federal law to verify the legal citizenship status or lawful presence in the United States with the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), a federal agency retaining the legal right to share the information provided by the University of Utah to other federal agencies. If a student is deemed to be ineligible for this scholarship award due to citizenship status discrepancies of any kind, this offer for the Wolf/Meritus Scholarship funds will be rescinded by University Neighborhood Partners and the University of Utah.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ________________

ATTACHMENTS

Please ensure that the following documents are included with your scholarship application:

1. A two-page, double-spaced personal statement that clearly addresses each of the following:
   - Academic, career, and personal goals.
   - Extra-curricular activities, volunteer work experience, and/or paid work experience. This can include a description of your community involvement with UNP or other community agencies. List the name of the agency and provide details about your time period of involvement, a description of your activities and how your involvement has impacted your personal success and/or interest in post-secondary education.
   - Experiences that have influenced your desire to pursue post-secondary, vocational or technical education.
   - Clear explanation of financial need.
   - Other scholarships received to date and scholarships you are seeking (for the upcoming 2015-16 academic year).

2. One letter of recommendation, signed with name and title of letter writer and on official letterhead, if applicable. This letter should come from an individual who can speak to your potential for academic success. For example: a teacher, mentor, or volunteer program director.