

**HECUA Scholarships for Social Justice
Application Process and Forms**

Purpose and eligibility

HECUA Supporters— alumni, founders, current and former board and staff members-- have established a new scholarship fund earmarked for first generation college students, students from low-income families, and students of color. The scholarship fund has two goals: 1) to increase access to HECUA programs for students who are from low-income families, from communities of color, or are the first in their families to attend college; and 2) to enrich and enhance HECUA programs through the participation of students who have life experiences with the fundamental issues of power and privilege that lie at the heart of all HECUA programs. The scholarship fund will work closely with the individuals and programs at HECUA member campuses responsible for student access and success, and with faculty and staff that mentor and support students in their efforts to study off campus, explore careers and vocations, and learn from and contribute to communities.

During the 2007-08 academic year, two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to students in the targeted groups who are enrolling in HECUA semester programs. The application to the scholarship fund is due on the same date as the application for the semester program to which the student is seeking admittance. The scholarship award will appear as a \$1,500 credit to the student’s HECUA program fees for the semester.

Required Information:

Name: _____

College/University: _____

HECUA Program: _____

Application Eligibility Checklist:

_____ I am a first generation college student, a student from a low-income family, and/or a student of color.

Please elaborate:

_____ I am currently enrolled in the college/university listed above.

_____ I have completed & submitted an application to a HECUA semester program.

_____ I have attached my scholarship essay.

_____ I have requested or attached a Letter of Recommendation.

Required Materials:

- 1) A reflective essay. The mission of HECUA programs is to equip students with the knowledge, experiences, tools and passion to address issues of social justice and social change. Drawing on your life experiences and your personal and academic goals, describe what you believe you can contribute to and receive from a program with this mission. Please reflect on how such a program will benefit you and the people, issues and communities you care about.
- 2) A letter of recommendation. Request a letter from a campus faculty or staff member who knows you well and can comment on how your goals match the goals of the scholarship fund and the mission of HECUA.
- 3) A student aid report. All students who receive federal aid to attend college must complete a FAFSA form. Once this report is filed with the government, a student aid report is generated and mailed to your school and to the individual applicant. Please attach a copy of this report with your scholarship application materials. If you no longer have a copy of your report, you can obtain one by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov / Click on “View and Print your Student Aid Report.”

Selection Criteria:

- 1) Your scholarship essay showing the fit between your goals and those of HECUA.
- 2) A strong letter of recommendation.

For those providing a letter of recommendation

Please complete the information below and attach a letter of recommendation. The letter can be sealed and handed to the applicant for inclusion in the mailed application packet; or mailed separately to HECUA at the address below.

Name: _____

Department/campus office: _____

College/University: _____

Work phone: _____

Email address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

<p>Questions? Email to info@hecua.org Call HECUA Student Services 651/646-8832</p>
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<p>Mail to: HECUA –Scholarships for Social Justice 2233 University Ave W, Suite 210 St Paul, MN 55114</p>
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