

Multicultural Pharmacy Scholars Program

University of Kansas School of Pharmacy

Preparing future generations of multicultural leaders to address important health problems.

To be eligible to participate in the KU Multicultural Pharmacy Scholars Program (MPSP), a student must:

- Be admitted into the School of Pharmacy
- Be a U.S. citizen or have been granted U.S. Permanent Resident status
- Be an academically well-prepared student from an under-represented background in the School of Pharmacy (including African-Americans, Latino/a, and Indigenous students) who may be first generation college attendees and have financial need as defined by Pell Grant eligibility

The goal of the program is to assist and prepare students to receive maximum benefit from the pharmacy program. MPSP has a Program Director who serves as the primary contact and student advisor. Students also receive peer support from a community of students. MPSP funds students to attend cultural events and professional activities to further their development as leaders. In addition, students are eligible to receive renewable academic scholarships. Scholars must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and **attendance at some activities/events are a requirement of the program**.

To apply for MPSP, students must complete (1) a cover sheet with identifying information, and (2) an application essay. Application materials should be submitted to: Barbara Woods, Director, University of Kansas School of Pharmacy, 2010 Becker Drive, Lawrence, KS 66047; bwoods@ku.edu

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION ESSAY

The application essay (maximum of 3 double-spaced pages) is in three parts:

- PART I: Respond to the following:
Describe how being a member of one or more of the groups represented by the Multicultural Pharmacy Scholars Program has influenced who you are and helped shape your life goals.
Who has influenced you the most in your life and how?
Why is a pharmacy education important to you?
What barriers or challenges have you had to overcome to access a college education and be admitted into the pharmacy program?
What have you learned from these experiences that you might contribute to the pharmacy profession?
- PART II: The MPSP provides faculty mentoring and peer support, along with exposure to cultural experiences. What areas of your development as a student might benefit from the MPSP Program?
What specific issues do you wrestle with that you might work on if you were selected as a Scholar?
- Part III. Your Goal. In **one sentence**, state your goal as a pharmacy student. For example, "I will learn to make a difference in _____ (your interests) through _____ (your plans for learning and contributing)."

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INTRODUCTORY COVER SHEET

Name: _____

Preferred E-Mail address: _____

Local Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)' or Partners Names: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Have you completed all your pre-pharmacy required courses? Yes No

If not, what course(s) are you missing? _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Current pharmacy employment (if any): _____

Length of employment: _____

Which of the following apply to you? (Please check all that apply)

- U.S. Citizen Permanent resident First generation college student
- African American Latino/a American First Nations/Indigenous
- High financial need (Pell Grant Eligible)

Pre-pharmacy coursework completed at:

- KU
- Other University/College: _____
- Community College: Name(s): _____
- Haskell Indian Nations University

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