



Lester Booker Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund for Diversity and Inclusion

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 16, 2021

AWARD AMOUNT:

Due to COVID-19, Mr. Booker has decided to increase the award to \$5,000 for the 2021-2022 academic year, with hopes the additional aid will help the recipient's success in their academic endeavors. The award will be split equally between fall and spring semesters.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- Preference will be given to applicants who are currently serving (or have previously served) as a Resident Assistant, Inclusion Assistant or Peer Advisor within the Office of Residence Life. Preference will also be given to applicants from the Detroit Public Schools Community District.
- The Lester Booker Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund for Diversity and Inclusion is an annual award available for an undergraduate student at the sophomore level or higher.
- Applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours each semester. Applicants in their final semester of study who require less than 12 credit hours to graduate are eligible to receive this award despite their part-time enrollment status.
- Applicants will demonstrate an active commitment to the participation of underrepresented communities in educational pursuits. The applicant will submit a letter of recommendation from an organization, educator, or community leader where the student played a mentorship or leadership role. Such roles may include, but are not limited to:
 - Participation in extracurricular or after-school programs
 - Involvement at a community center or church; or
 - Involvement in a non-profit, community-based organization
- Applicants will submit a one-page essay describing the importance of diversity and inclusion and how multicultural audiences are represented within the media.
- The scholarship is not renewable. Part-time attendance or withdrawal from the university will result in the cancellation of the scholarship.

SECTION ONE (Personal Information):

Last Name First Name Middle Initial Former Name (if any)

(Permanent) Address City State Zip Code

Email address Student ID # Phone Number (home/mobile)

U.S. Citizen: (please circle) YES NO PELL Grant Eligible: (please circle) YES NO

Did you graduate from Detroit Public Schools Community District?: (please circle) YES NO

If yes, what is the name of the school?: _____

SECTION TWO (Educational Information):

Major/Minor Major GPA Cumulative GPA Class Standing

Are you currently, or have you previously served as a Resident Assistant, Inclusion Assistant, or Peer

Advisor? (please circle) YES NO Service Dates: from: _____ to: _____

*If you have served in more than one of the positions listed, please use an additional sheet of paper and include it with your application.

SECTION THREE (Application Checklist):

- _____ Completed Application
- _____ Unofficial CMU Transcript
- _____ Completed Essay
- _____ Letter of Recommendation (required)
- _____ Resume (Optional)

Applicant Signature (please print and sign application) Date

Return completed application by April 16, 2021 to: Central Michigan University / Office for Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion / Warriner 319 / Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859, or email completed application packet to Lori Swift at swift1ll@cmich.edu.