



In an effort to increase diversity among the undergraduate student population at Auburn University, the Provost has created, with the help of generous financial support from corporate partners, the Provost Leadership

Undergraduate Scholarship (PLUS) Program. The PLUS program assists participants financially by providing them a \$2,000 scholarship per academic year renewable up to four years, and supports them academically and socially to ensure that they succeed at Auburn University. This program has been developed to complement goals of the Auburn University Strategic Diversity Plan.

### Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident
- Be an incoming freshman with a high school cumulative GPA of at least 3.25
- Have been admitted to Auburn University's main campus for fall 2013
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

### Application Guidelines

Applicants must submit the following:

- PLUS scholarship application form
- 300-400 word diversity essay on one of the following three topics:
  - (a) The importance of having a diverse student body at a university
  - (b) The benefits of diversity to America
  - (c) What you will do at Auburn to promote and enhance diversity
- Recommendation letter from a teacher or counselor

### Selection Criteria

The PLUS Scholarship Committee will give priority to qualified students that demonstrate the following:

- First generation college students
- Financial need according to federal guidelines
- Alabama residents
- Diverse background – as determined by goals of the Auburn University Strategic Diversity Plan



### Maintaining Eligibility

PLUS participants must:

- Agree that by accepting a PLUS award, they are agreeing to participate in the PLUS Retention Program
- Take a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Meet with PLUS program peer Mentors at least three times per week and later serve as Mentors as sophomores, juniors and seniors in the PLUS program.
- Attend Workshops that provide necessary time management and study skills to be successful in college
- Attend leadership seminars and join at least two multicultural organizations and attend regular meetings
- Participate in study and tutoring sessions for at least five hours per week
- Enroll together with other PLUS participants in a series of classes during their freshman and sophomore years

**Applications must be postmarked on or before Friday, March 1, 2013.**

Please return the application form, recommendation letter, and the diversity essay to:

**The PLUS Program**  
**Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs**  
103 M. White Smith Hall  
381 Mell Street  
Auburn, AL 36849-5168

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## Provost Leadership Undergraduate Scholarship (PLUS) Program 2013-2014 Application

Eligible students must be admitted to Auburn University as an incoming freshman beginning fall 2013, have a cumulative high school grade-point average of at least 3.25, be a United States citizen or permanent resident, and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Priority will be given to qualified students who demonstrate the following:

- First generation college students
- Financial need according to federal guidelines
- Alabama residents
- Diverse background – as determined by goals of the Auburn University Strategic Diversity Plan

Please complete this application form and return it to: The PLUS Program, Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, 103 M. White Smith Hall, 381 Mell Street, Auburn, AL 36849-5168.

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### Part I: General Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic or racial identification (optional): Please list your ethnic or racial identification. \_\_\_\_\_

### Part II: Essay

Attach a 300-400 word essay describing your thoughts on one of the following essay topics.

**Selected Letter (please choose a, b, or c below):** \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) The importance of having a diverse student body at a university.
- (b) The benefits of diversity to America.
- (c) What you will do at Auburn to promote and enhance diversity.

### Part III: Letter Of Recommendation

Attach a recommendation letter from a past/present teacher or counselor.

### Part IV: Signature

I hereby acknowledge that all information on and with this application is true and accurate. If selected as a recipient, I agree to participate in the PLUS Retention Program as well as maintain a cumulative 3.0 Auburn University grade-point average.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_