



Rhode Island School Psychology Minority Scholarship Program

The Rhode Island School Psychology Minority Scholarship Program was established in 2005 to provide financial assistance to minority scholars pursuing graduate study in school both in Rhode Island graduate programs as well as out of state programs. Out of state students attending school in RI may also apply. This scholarship program also supports the more profound goal of encouraging and promoting diversity within the profession so as to best serve a diverse community of elementary, middle, and high school students. The Rhode Island School Psychology Association is pleased to annually share an award amount agreed upon by the RISPA Board with at least one or two qualified minority graduate students of school psychology as selected by the Minority Scholarship Committee.

Sponsored by:

Rhode Island School Psychologists Association (RISPA)

PO Box 7083

Warwick, RI 02887

General Applicant Information

(Please print clearly in ink or type)

Name: _____

Date: _____

Current Address (School): _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone Number(s): Home: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Ethnic Background (please check one):

_____ Black/African American

_____ Asian or Pacific Islander

_____ American Indian or Alaskan Native

_____ Hispanic

_____ Other _____

Parents: Race/Ethnicity: Mother _____ Father _____

Country where you were born _____

Date of Birth _____

Number of years living in US _____ Number of Years living in RI _____

Are you Bi-lingual: ___Y ___N

Languages spoken fluently: _____

Have you lived outside of the US _____ Location _____ Years. _____ Months _____

Previous Schools Attended:

City/State/Country:

Year Graduated

Undergraduate: _____

High School: _____

Were you enrolled in an ESL/Bi-Lingual program? Y___ N___ How many years? _____

Description of Work Experiences:

Volunteer Work Experiences: Describe activities that you are or have been involved in and what you do to give back to the community:

Organizations affiliated with: _____

Awards/Recognition: _____

University Information
(Please print in ink or type)

NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY _____

ADDRESS _____
Street

City State Zip + 4 digits

TELEPHONE _____

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION _____
Month Year

Certification of Program Acceptance

I, _____, hereby certify that _____
(Name of advisor) (Name of applicant)

has been accepted or is currently enrolled in the _____
(Name of university)

School Psychology program.

ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE _____

ADVISOR'S E-MAIL _____

DATE _____

Letters of Recommendation

For consideration by the person submitting a Letter of Recommendation on behalf of the Applicant: _____

The Rhode Island School Psychology Minority Scholarship Program awards scholarships to RI minority/bi-lingual students (including RI residents attending out of state graduate programs) and out of state residents enrolled in school psychology programs in Rhode Island. The student whose name appears above is applying for this scholarship. The Selection Committee would appreciate your help as they consider his/her application. In your recommendation, please respond to the following points as fully as you can, limiting your letter to 1,000 words:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. What are the applicant's strengths and special talents?
3. One of the criteria that this applicant must meet is interest in pursuing and/or continuing to pursue a degree and a career in school psychology. Please give your assessment of the applicant's interest in this area.
4. Please give your assessment of the applicant's interpersonal skills for working with students, parents, school staff, and outside agencies.

Please return your recommendation letter directly to the student who will include it in his/her application package. Do not send your recommendation to RISPA.

Applicant Release

(IMPORTANT: Print three—One for each recommendation.)

For completion by the Applicant:

An originally signed copy of this release must accompany EACH Letter of Recommendation submitted in the application package. Please make copies of this page and complete for each Letter of Recommendation you submit.

I, _____, hereby authorizes the person writing this Letter
(Applicant's name)

of Recommendation (_____) to release any and all
(Name of person)

information called for on this form to the RISPA Minority Scholarship Program.

Applicant Signature

Date

Essay:

1. No more than 2 pages, double-spaced
2. Please describe how your life experiences have influenced your decision to enter the field of school psychology. In addition, relate how your life, work, and educational experiences will assist you in working and relating to multi-cultural students and families.

Application Requirements:

1. Must be a matriculated student in a Program of School Psychology/Educational Psychology
2. This completed application
3. Essay
4. **Three (3) letters of recommendation** (2 from professors)
5. **Official** graduate transcripts
6. **Copy of financial aid application.** If you did not apply for financial aid then please write a brief statement outlining your financial need.
7. Application must be complete and **submitted by designated date.**

Verification of Application

The RISPA Minority Scholarship Program was established to curtail the financial burdens associated with an extended academic career, and ultimately infuse the profession with a needed presence of diversity and cultural awareness. RISPA supports our minority students on their path to becoming a member of this worthwhile and giving profession.

I hereby certify that the information contained within this application is accurate and true. Any false information will invalidate this application.

Applicant Signature

Date

**PLEASE FORWARD APPLICATION AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION TO THE
ADDRESS LISTED BY THE DUE DATE.**

Electronic submission preferred:
2018 RISPA Scholarship Committee
Natalie.Fleming@ppsd.org

or mail to:
RISPA
PO Box
Warwick, RI 02887

Deadline

Application and supporting documentation must be received by this year's deadline to be considered. The deadline is posted on the RISPA website: www.rispa.org under RISPA award: Minority Scholarship