

Rhode Island School Psychologists Association (RISPA)

2019 Ethnic Minority Scholarship Award

The Rhode Island School Psychologists Association Ethnic Minority Scholarship Award was established in 2005 to provide financial assistance to resident minority scholars pursuing graduate study 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 further supports the more profound goal of promoting ethnic diversity within the profession so as to best serve a diverse community of students across developmental levels and educational programs. The Rhode Island School Psychologists Association is pleased to annually share an award amount agreed upon by the RISPA Board with at least one or two qualified graduate students of school psychology as selected by the Ethnic Minority Scholarship Committee.

*****The 2019 RISPA Ethnic Minority Scholarship Award will award \$1,000 to one graduate student selected from qualified applicants.*****

To apply and be considered for this scholarship, the applicant must comply with the following Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a **full-time or part-time minority student**
- Be **enrolled in a school psychology program that is NASP-approved** and/or located in an institution that is accredited by the appropriate institutional regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, with the **aim of becoming a practicing School Psychologist.**
- Be in **good academic standing** with a minimum cumulative overall GPA of 3.0.
- As this is an ethnic minority scholarship award designed to increase ethnic diversity in the field, eligibility for this scholarship includes **belonging to ethnic groups in at least one of the following racial classification categories:**
 - **American Indian or Alaskan Native:** All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America (e.g. Cherokee, Narragansett, etc.)
 - **Asian and Pacific Islander:** All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands (e.g. Thailand, India, etc.)
 - **Black:** All persons having origins in Sub-Saharan African countries (i.e. Liberia, Senegal, etc.), African Diasporic countries (e.g. Jamaica, Haiti, etc.) -and that are not of Hispanic origin.
 - **Hispanic:** All persons of Spanish culture origins- countries in Central and South America (e.g. Mexico, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, etc.)
- Completed application **emailed to Natalie.Fleming@ppsd.org by the designated date of Monday, April 22, 2019.**
 - *To complete and send the scholarship applications applicants can:*
 - **1. Save this document to their computer, and complete applicable sections through typing, copy/pasting, etc. directly into the document. Once complete, save the application with applicant name in the title and emailed.**
 - **2. Or application can be printed out, completed by hand, scanned and emailed.**

***Questions can be emailed to Natalie.Fleming@ppsd.org, RISPA Ethnic Minority Scholarship Award Coordinator**

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1. GENERAL APPLICANT INFORMATION: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS(S): HOME: _____ CELL: _____

E-MAIL: _____

NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY _____

ADDRESS _____

GPA: _____ EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION (Month/Year): _____

ADVISOR'S NAME: _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

ETHNIC BACKGROUND (please check one):

_____ American Indian or Alaskan Native _____ Asian or Pacific Islander

_____ Black/African American _____ Hispanic

PARENTS RACE/ETHNICITY: MOTHER: _____ **FATHER:** _____

COUNTRY OF BIRTH: _____

Have you lived outside of the US? Y N Location: _____ **Years:** _____ **Months:** _____

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

ARE YOU BILINGUAL?: Y N Languages spoken fluently: _____

Were you enrolled in an ESL/Bilingual program? Y N How many years? _____

If so, please briefly describe your experience _____

2. STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL GOALS:

- **Please complete your Statement of Professional Goals in the space provided below (Limit 1,000 words).**
 - *Share how your life experiences have influenced your decision to enter the field of school psychology. In addition, describe your future goals as a school psychologist in promoting cultural awareness and advancing best practices in working with diverse populations.*

3. RESUME OR CURRICULUM VITAE:

- **Please email your Resume or Curriculum Vitae in a separate attachment or copy & paste it below.**
 - *Include, as may apply: undergraduate/graduate school history; work/volunteer experience; awards/honors; student/professional activities in which you are involved; research/publications/workshops/presentations you have worked on; special skills/training/experience.*

4. TRANSCRIPT:

- **Please email your Unofficial Transcript in a separate attachment to Natalie.Fleming@ppsd.org**

5. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

- **Please email 2 Letters of Recommendation (with at least one from a professor) in a separate attachment or copy & paste them below.**
 - *See letter and instructions for those recommending applicant on the last page of application.*

6. VERIFICATION OF APPLICATION:

The RISPA Ethnic Minority Scholarship Award was established to curtail the financial burdens associated with an extended academic career, and ultimately infuse the profession with a needed presence of ethnic 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

**Electronic Signature Accepted*

Date

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CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- ❑ **Completed General Applicant Information Page**
- ❑ **Completed Statement of Professional Goals** (Limit 1,000 Words)
- ❑ **Resume or Curriculum Vitae** emailed in a separate attachment or copy & pasted into this application (*Include, as may apply: undergraduate/graduate school history; work/volunteer experience; awards/honors; student/professional activities in which you are involved; research/publications/workshops/presentations you have worked on; special skills/training/experience*)
- ❑ **Graduate Transcript** emailed (*provides confirmation of matriculated student in program of School Psychology/Educational Psychology, and in good academic standing*)
- ❑ **Two Letters of Recommendation** emailed in a separate attachment (directly from person recommending applicant or from applicant) or copy and pasted into this application (*at least 1 letter of recommendation from a professor*)
- ❑ **Verification of Application** reviewed and signed (*electronic signature accepted*)
- ❑ Application must be completed and **submitted by designated date: Monday, April 22, 2019 to Natalie.Fleming@ppsd.org**

**Rhode Island School Psychologists Association (RISPA)
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Letter of Recommendation**

Instructions for those recommending applicant:

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

The Rhode Island School Psychology Ethnic Minority Scholarship Award provides scholarships to RI ethnic minority graduate students enrolled in school psychology programs; 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; along with a desire to integrate cultural awareness into their practice and advance best practices in working with diverse populations. 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.*

****Upon completion you may directly email your letter to Natalie.Fleming@ppsd.org, RISPA Ethnic Minority Scholarship Award Coordinator, or return your recommendation letter directly to the student who will include it in his/her application.**

Thank you for your support of this applicant and of our profession!

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