Pathways Scholarship Application

Program Overview

The Pathways Scholarship provides financial assistance for low-income parents who have completed a community college degree and are finishing a first undergraduate degree. It is a two year program, provided that students continue to meet program requirements. Full-time students may receive $2,000 for two years, for a total award of $4,000. Part-time students may receive half this amount. This scholarship is administered by the Women’s Resources Program in the Center for Student Diversity.

Eligibility Requirements
In order to apply for this scholarship students must:

• Be a parent of at least one child under the age of 18
• Demonstrate a high level of unmet financial need. Only students who are Pell grant eligible will be considered
• Have completed an AA degree or other terminal degree from a Community College
• Cumulative TU GPA of 2.5

Program Requirements
After being selected for the scholarship students must complete the following requirements to remain eligible:

• Maintain a cumulative TU GPA of 2.5
• Be enrolled at least part-time (at least 6 credits)
• Meet with the Program Director once a semester
• Attend a yearly “Newcombe/Pathways Family Day” event
• Attend the Mature Students Lunch & Peer Support Group at least once a semester or, if school or work conflicts with the time of the group, attend two other campus events pre-approved by the Program Director

These requirements are designed to increase their chances of graduating on time and build a strong connection to Towson University and other students.

Application Process
Students need to complete the Pathways Scholarship Application listed below, as well as a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) found at http://fafsa.ed.gov/.

Along with their application students also need to submit:

• Copy of birth certificate of dependent child
• Community College transcript (unofficial transcript acceptable)

This is a small program and not all students who meet the criteria will be selected. Selection will be made based on the strength of the application, academic performance, clarity of career goals, and overall financial need.

Questions or comments can be directed to the Center for Student Diversity at 410-704-2051.

Applications are due June 1, 2017.
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Student ID: _____

First Name: _____   Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____   State: MD   Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____   Email Address: _____

Race/Ethnicity:   GPA: _____

Student Status/Year:   Major: _____

Have you completed the FAFSA? (Completion of the FAFSA is required)

[ ] Yes
[ ] No

Please provide the names and ages of your children:
Pathways Scholarship Application Essay

Please answer the following questions in a short essay (500 words maximum)

1. Why are you applying for this award?
2. What major are you studying and why?
3. What are your career goals after graduation?

*It is recommended that you type the essay in a program that checks for spelling and grammar and then cut and paste your response into the box below.*