

Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

2010 – 2011

Introduction

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an African-American clergyman and civil rights leader, was born in 1928 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was an active Baptist minister and a moving orator, who gained national prominence by advocating passive resistance to segregation and leading a year-long boycott (1955-56) against the segregated bus lines in Montgomery, Alabama. He subsequently set up the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as a base for nonviolent marches, protests, and demonstrations for black rights, such as the 1963 March on Washington and the 1965 voter registration drive in Selma, Alabama. King was awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. In the late 1960's, he intensified his opposition to the war in Vietnam and to economic discrimination. In 1968, while planning a multiracial Poor People's March for antipoverty legislation, he was shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship program was established in 1985 at UIC to encourage African-American, Latino(a), and Native-American UIC students who have demonstrated high academic achievement in the many fields where they have traditionally been underrepresented and who have shown commitment through community and campus service. Thus, in an effort to keep Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s dream alive, these meritorious and/or monetary awards are given to undergraduates with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, as well as to graduate and professional students with high academic achievement.

Fifteen \$2,000 undergraduate scholarships, ***five*** \$5,000 graduate fellowships, and ***five*** \$5,000 professional fellowships will be awarded for the 2010 - 2011 academic year. Selection will be based on academic record, personal statement, recommendations, and demonstrated commitment to community/campus service. Scholarships will be awarded based on the applicant's academic level during the 2010 – 2011 academic year.

1. Eligibility

- A. Continuing UIC African-American, Latino(a), or Native-American undergraduate students who have a ***current cumulative UIC GPA of at least a 3.0*** (4.0 scale) and will achieve ***JUNIOR or SENIOR status in the Fall of 2010*** are eligible to apply.
 - * Transfer students must have completed ***at least one*** semester at ***UIC before*** applying for the MLK.
- B. African-American, Latino(a) or Native-American ***graduate or professional students*** who have demonstrated high academic achievement.
 - * Graduate students must have completed ***at least one*** semester at ***UIC before*** applying for the MLK.
- C. Applicant ***MUST*** plan to be enrolled as a junior, senior, graduate or professional ***full-time student at UIC*** during the ***entire 2010 - 2011 academic year.***
- D. Present or past holders of ***graduate*** and ***professional*** MLK Scholarships are ***NOT ELIGIBLE***. However, present or past holders of ***undergraduate*** MLK Scholarships ***MAY*** reapply.
- E. Applicants must be citizens or eligible non-citizens as defined by the federal government. For more specific information, visit <http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/F4CApp/index/faq003.jsf>.
- F. Full or part-time UIC Employees are ***NOT ELIGIBLE***. Student workers and graduate assistants ***ARE ELIGIBLE***.
- G. ***This award may impact your other campus-based financial aid.*** Consultation with the Financial Aid Office will be done prior to the distribution of any monetary award.

2. *Application Procedure*

An official application PACKET must be completed and submitted by the student no later than **Friday, April 2, 2010**. The completed application packet consists of:

- A. A typed or neatly printed Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Application form.
- B. A personal statement of 300 words or less.
- C. Two letters of recommendation ***must be included*** with packet.
- D. An unofficial UIC transcript will be obtained by the Selection Committee on behalf of applicants.

Nursing and medical students must indicate their campus location (Chicago, Rockford, Peoria or Urbana-Champaign).

3. *General Instructions*

- A. The ***personal statement*** must include information about the applicant's career objectives, plans for graduate or professional study, and community/campus service activities.
- B. **One** of the **two** letters of recommendation ***MUST*** be from a faculty member who has taught the student in the classroom and/or laboratory setting, and can assess the student's potential for graduate study.
- C. Applicants authorize the release of their academic record by completing this application and signing their statement. The Selection Committee will print an unofficial transcript to be used in evaluating this application.
- D. All application materials must be submitted to:

**Andrés Garza, Chair
Martin Luther King Scholarship Selection Committee
Career Services, 3050 SSB, MC 099
1200 West Harrison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60607**

- E. *Please note that incomplete and late applications will not be considered.*

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2010

- F. Recipients will be notified after July 1, 2010.

For further information, please feel free to contact the Chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Selection Committee: Andrés Garza at (312) 996-2969 or agarza@uic.edu.

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Application Form

Please type or print neatly.

Personal Data

UIC

Net ID _____@uic.edu

Name _____ UIN _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number () _____ Ethnic Origin _____

U.S. Citizen? _____ YES _____ NO Eligible Non-Citizen? _____ YES _____ NO

Are you currently employed? _____ YES _____ NO

If YES: _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time Where? _____

Academic Data

ACADEMIC PROGRAM for 2010-2011 academic year. CIRCLE the level of study that applies.

Undergraduate	Junior	Senior		
Graduate	Master's	Ph.D.		
Professional	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd year	4 th Year +

Total Credit Hours Through Fall Semester 2009 _____ GPA _____

College _____ Major/Discipline _____

Degree expected _____ Date Expected _____

(For Medical/Nursing students ONLY)

Campus Location: Chicago _____ Urbana _____ Rockford _____ Peoria _____

Campus Activities

In the following section, list significant campus activities, leadership roles and/or scholarships, especially

those relevant to your education or career plans. *Use additional paper if necessary.*

ACTIVITY**LOCATION****DATE****ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS****LOCATION****DATE****HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS
RECEIVED****LOCATION****DATE****Community Service Involvement**

List significant community service activities, leadership roles, and awards, especially those relevant to education or career plans.

ACTIVITY**LOCATION****DATE****ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS****LOCATION****DATE****HONORS AND AWARDS****LOCATION****DATE****Personal Statement**

Include a typed personal statement, which describes your career objectives, plans for graduate or professional training, and community service involvement. Please feel free to address any unusual financial

and/or personal circumstances in this statement. Do not exceed a maximum of 300 words or include additional materials. *Use additional paper if necessary.*

Signature: _____

Date: