

Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP)
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Dear UGSP Applicant,

We are pleased that you are considering submitting an application to the NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP) for admission in Fall 2021. Applicants to the UGSP must fulfill the following eligibility requirements:

- United States citizen or United States permanent resident
- Enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student at an accredited 4-year undergraduate institution located in the United States of America
- Undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale or within the top 5 percent of your class
- Having Exceptional Financial Need (EFN) as certified by your undergraduate institution financial aid office (see page-3)

If you meet the first three requirements listed above, please complete questions 1 through 3 in Section-A of the Exceptional Financial Need (EFN) form prior to printing to ensure clarity for university and UGSP staff. Take or forward all three pages of this document to your academic institution's financial aid office to confirm your EFN status. If you are transferring to another institution/university, send this form to the institution where you will be enrolling Fall 2021. You can begin your UGSP application for Fall 2021 admission when the application opens in January 2021. **Please request that your financial aid office complete section B of this form and return it to you. You must forward the completed form to our office by mail, fax, or email (see header for address).**

Dear Financial Aid Officer,

The Undergraduate Institution's Financial Aid Office must complete all questions within Section-B. Please take care to make sure question 2 (Exceptional Financial Need Status) is completed and the certification includes your institution's seal or stamp. Otherwise we cannot accept the EFN form and the student will receive an automatic rejection letter. Tax information from 2019 or 2020 may be used to complete this form. **Please return the completed form to the student for submission.**

Should you have any questions or concerns about eligibility or completing the EFN form, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,
Darryl Murray, PhD
Director, UGSP
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Phone: 301-594-2222

**Undergraduate Institution Certification for Exceptional Financial Need (EFN)
Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**

Applicant's Instructions – Complete Section A. Give this form to the financial aid office at the 4-year college / university at which you are enrolled or will be enrolled in Fall 2021 for completion of Section B.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to return this form, completed, to the UGSP no later than 15-May-2021, no exceptions:

Fax To: 301-594-9606 – Attention: Dr. Darryl Murray

Mail To: NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program
2 Center Drive / Room 2W11A
Bethesda, Maryland 20892-0230

Email To: ugsp@nih.gov – Attention: Dr. Darryl Murray

Questions: Call Dr. Darryl Murray at 301-594-2222 or email ugsp@nih.gov.

Undergraduate Institution's Instructions – Complete Section B of this form, which certifies whether the applicant for the UGSP award is eligible for candidacy. Upon completion, return the form to the student making this request. Certification is not complete without your institution's official seal or stamp.

SECTION A – The applicant completes this section. Items 1 through 3 may be completed before printing.

1. Applicant's Name (last, first, middle) _____

2. University Student Identification Number _____

3. Email Address Used for Your UGSP Application _____

1a. Other Names Used on Official Documents (last, first, middle) _____

I authorize the institution indicated in Section B to release information about my academic, financial, service, and other pertinent information to me for the completion of my application to the NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP).

Signature (Sign your full name in ink) _____ Date _____

SECTION B – The Undergraduate Institution's Financial Aid Office must complete parts 1 through 3 and return to the requesting student for submission.

~ ATTENTION: The UGSP will not accept this form unless Question-2 is completed and the form contains the university's official seal or stamp, resulting in an automatic rejection letter to the student. ~

1. REQUIRED: Enrollment Status
 - Is this student enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student for the 2021-2022 academic year? Yes No
 - If currently enrolled, is this student in good standing? Yes No
 - What is the anticipated graduation date for this student? _____

2. REQUIRED: Exceptional Financial Need Status – FAFSA information used to complete this form must be from 2019 or 2020 tax information.
 - Does this student meet the threshold for EFN status for the 2021-2022 academic year, based on either 2019 or 2020 tax information (see table below)?
 See definition on page 3: Select One: Yes No AND Select One: 2019 2020

3. REQUIRED: Certification of Academic Institution Financial Aid Office - The undersigned institutional representative certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information reported above is accurate. This Certification should include the school's seal or office stamp.

Name of School _____

University's 9 Digit DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) Number: _____

Financial Aid Administrator's Name (please print) _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Telephone _____ Fax Number _____ Email Address _____

Collection of this information is authorized by The Public Health Service Act, Section 410 (42 USC 285). Rights of participants are protected by The Privacy Act of 1974. Participation is voluntary, and there are no penalties for not participating or withdrawing from the study at any time. The information collected in this study will be kept private to the extent provided by law. Names and other identifiers will not appear in any report of the study. Information provided will be combined for all participants and reported as summaries.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 18 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: NIH, Project Clearance Branch, 6705 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7974, Bethesda, MD 20892-7974, ATTN: PRA (0925-0299). Do not return the completed form to this address.

Instructions for Undergraduate Institution Certification Form NIH 2762-3

Exceptional Financial Need Status Identification of Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (Scholarship applicants must be from disadvantaged backgrounds)

A student from a disadvantaged background is one who comes from a family with an annual adjusted gross income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size, as published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index, and adjusted by the Secretary, DHHS, for use in all health professions programs.

Qualification of EFN Status. Applicants who qualify as having EFN status must provide the Financial Aid Director of their undergraduate institution total financial information, including: parent’s income and spouse’s income (if applicable), regardless of the student’s taxable status, and must be of EFN, as defined by the Secretary, DHHS, (see above). The Financial Aid Director must certify this information and the institution’s certification of an applicant’s EFN status must be included with the UGSP application package.

The Secretary, DHHS, will periodically publish these low-income levels in the Federal Register. (Please see the table below for the most recent determination of low-income levels). If family income for the most recent calendar year is less than the income level indicated on the chart below for the appropriate family size, students fulfill the definition of an individual having exceptional financial need (EFN). Students certified as being of EFN are considered to be from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Low-Income Levels—Secretary DHHS

Admission Year Fall 2021 – Spring 2022		
Persons in Family (Includes Only Dependents Listed on Federal Income Tax Forms)	Family Income Level (Adjusted Gross Income for Tax Year 2019) Federal Register: Volume 84, Number 22, 1 February 2019, Page 1167.	Family Income Level (Adjusted Gross Income for Tax Year 2020) Federal Register: Volume 85, Number 12, 17 January 2020, Page 3060.
1	\$24,980.00	\$25,520.00
2	\$33,820.00	\$34,480.00
3	\$42,660.00	\$43,440.00
4	\$51,500.00	\$52,500.00
5	\$60,340.00	\$61,360.00
6	\$69,180.00	\$70,320.00
7	\$78,020.00	\$79,280.00
8	\$86,860.00	\$88,240.00
More than 8 Persons	\$8,840.00 for Each Additional Person	\$8,860.00 for Each Additional Person

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