

Scholastic Connections Application

Deadline: March 1

Scholastic Connections is a scholarship and mentorship program for high-achieving undergraduate students of color (American Indian, Hispanic/Latino, Pan-Afrikan and Pan Asian) at Augsburg College. It is designed to help students succeed at Augsburg and beyond. Admission to the program happens through an application and interview process. A selection committee reviews applications and selects the winners.

Each year five new recipients are selected. Recipients receive a $5,000 scholarship for the Academic year and are paired with a mentor who is a successful alumnus of color. Program participation may be renewed for succeeding years provided the scholar meets the eligibility requirements as detailed on the SC Accountability Standards document.

**Eligibility Criteria**

* Applicants must be a student of color (American Indian, Hispanic/Latino, Pan-Afrikan, Pan Asian) at Augsburg College
* Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5
* Applicants must have demonstrated leadership abilities or potential
* Applicants must have demonstrated active involvement in their community on or off campus
* Applicants must have demonstrated financial need as determined by the Augsburg financial aid office

**Non-Eligible Students –** students who have full tuition scholarships (Promise Scholars, Act 6 Scholars and full Presidential Scholars, etc.) are NOT eligible for Scholastic Connections

**Application Process**

This is a highly competitive process – many students are applying for a select few positions. Applications should reflect this. Answers to each question should be comprehensive and thorough. Applicants will want to paint as clear a picture of themselves as possible. Applications should be between 2-7 pages in length. Résumés are not required.

Applicants must complete and submit the following:

* Scholastic Connections Application (due March 1)
* One letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member (due March 1)
* An application interview with Cindy Peterson (completion deadline March 15)
* Incoming freshmen should have a completed financial aid file by March 1

**Selection Process**

A selection committee will meet at the end of March to select recipients.

All applicants will be notified of the status of their application by early April. If you have questions or would like additional information please contact Cindy Peterson, director, Scholastic Connections at 612-330-1754 or at petersoc@augsburg.edu.



**Application Form**

Deadline: March 1

Name:

Student ID:

Date:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zipcode:

Major:

E-mail address:

Campus Box:

Career Goal:

GPA:

Student Status:

Faculty Advisor:

**In order for the application to be complete, the following are required:**

[ ] One letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member (March 1)

[ ] Application interview with Cindy Peterson, director, Scholastic Connections (Due March 15)

**Completed applications should be returned to Cindy Peterson, director, Scholastic Connections at** **petersoc@augsburg.edu** **or Campus Box 189. If you have questions please contact Cindy at 612-330-1754 or** **petersoc@augsburg.edu****.**



**Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.**

Augsburg values informed and engaged citizens, thoughtful stewards, critical thinkers and responsible leaders. How do you exemplify these qualities?

1. As an emerging leader or role model in your own ethnic community, how have you exercised leadership on campus or in the outside community? How do you envision being a leader in the future?
2. Giving back to community by donating time, leadership and/or resources is an important aspect of many communities of color. How have you been involved in community service, either on or off campus? How do you see yourself contributing in the future? (Sometimes students are prevented from participating in volunteer or community service opportunities due to family or work obligations. If that is the case, please share what it is you do on behalf of your family or how your need to work impacts your availability to participate in community service.)
3. What types of co-curricular activities are you involved with on campus? Off campus? Are you part of a student organization on campus or a community organization off campus? Please share what you do in those organizations and what your involvement entails.
4. Are you connected to or involved with the Multicultural Student Services office? If so, in what capacity?
5. A key component of the Scholastic Connections program is being connected to and working with an alumni mentor. What would you find most helpful in a mentor? What skills do you have that will assist you in benefiting from a mentor?
6. Aside from working with a mentor, how can Scholastic Connections benefit you? What do you hope to gain from the program?
7. What else would you like the Selection Committee to know about you?