



## \$10,000 Merit Scholarships For Minority Students Attending Rice University

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### DESCRIPTION

The RICE-TMS merit scholarship program awarded its first scholarships for freshmen entering in the Fall of 2001.

Selected scholars will receive a \$10,000 merit-based stipend awarded in annual \$2,500 increments at the beginning of their freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years by maintaining full time status and a **2.80** grade point average for each of their class years.

In most cases, the awards will be additive and not substitutional for any other scholarships, grants, loans or financial aid that a recipient may receive from Rice University or any other source. The exception is when this scholarship combined with all other aid exceeds the cost of education set by Rice University. In some cases state or federal regulations may influence the administration of this scholarship award.

### ELIGIBILITY

All applicants to Rice University of **African-American** or **Hispanic-American** descent are eligible to apply for the RICE-TMS scholarship program. Once admitted to the University, applicants who have previously completed their applications to RICE-TMS will automatically be considered for a merit scholarship from RICE-TMS.

To apply for the scholarship, candidates must submit Parts A & B of the RICE-TMS attached application. **(All materials must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2004 to be considered by RICE-TMS.)**

### SELECTION CRITERIA

RICE-TMS seeks to identify scholarship recipients who have demonstrated leadership potential and who intend to pursue life long positions in society where they will exercise these leadership attributes.

Although intellectual capacity is important, activities and accomplishments that demonstrate leadership capacity at school, church, or in the community will be very important in the selection process. **(The selection of a nominator who has first hand knowledge of the applicant's leadership potential is very important.)**

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Written offers of RICE-TMS scholarships will be made by April 5, 2004. Scholarships are not transferable to another institution.

### FACULTY MENTORING

Each selected scholar will be matched with a faculty mentor during the summer prior to the freshman year. The faculty mentor will remain available to the scholar throughout his or her entire undergraduate experience.

### SCHOLARSHIP NAMES

The scholarships awarded by RICE-TMS result from the philanthropy of individuals, foundations and corporations. As a result, the scholarship names carried by each scholar are identified with each of scholarship donors. In most instances, RICE-TMS scholars will be asked to visit with the donor of their scholarship each year they receive the scholarship.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

***How many scholarships are awarded each year?***

Forty-six scholarships were awarded in 2003.

***Are the scholarships awarded only to students who have need?***

No, these scholarships are awarded to applicants regardless of financial need. They recognize leadership potential and are merit scholarships.

***What happens to my scholarship if my educational progress towards the baccalaureate degree takes longer than four years to complete?***

You must be enrolled as a full time student during the academic year to receive your scholarship each year. Your scholarship will be reviewed each year in succession until you have received the entire award of \$10,000 (your first four years of attendance). The scholarship is not available for summer school.

***How do I maintain eligibility for my scholarship?***

You must also maintain 2.80 grade point average (GPA) to receive the next years award.

***If I study abroad, will my scholarship be funded?***

Yes, study abroad is encouraged as long as you are enrolled as a full time student while abroad.

***Will Rice University consider this scholarship in computing need-based financial aid?***

No, this scholarship is not substitutional for any other scholarships, grants, loans, or financial aid received from Rice or other sources unless restricted by state and federal regulations or in exceptional cases when this scholarship combined with all other aid exceeds the cost of education as established by Rice University.

***Does my nominator have to be a high school official?***

No, your nominator may be any individual other than a family member who has good knowledge of your leadership potential.

