To Apply:

Students must submit the following information by the March 1 application deadline to apply. Incomplete applications will be returned and not considered.

1. Completed Dr. Rodney Gross Diversity Scholarship Application
2. One letter of recommendation from a School Official
3. One letter of recommendation from a Community Leader
4. High school/college transcript
5. Essay on how belonging and participating within a diverse community can aid in the development of your academic, social and career goals. The essay should be one-page typed, single spaced.

All application materials should be submitted to:
EKU Scholarship Office
521 Lancaster Avenue
Charles Douglas Whitlock Building,
CPO 56
Richmond, KY 40475-3156

Scholarship recipients will be selected and notified in writing by the University Scholarship Committee.

Visit scholarships.eku.edu for more information
What is a Rodney Gross Scholarship?

The Dr. Rodney T. Gross Diversity Scholarship program provides scholarships to applicants based on a holistic evaluation of academic achievement, including high school/college grade point average and test scores, a personal essay, extracurricular activities and letters of recommendation.

The program is intended for students pursuing their first undergraduate or graduate degree. Incoming freshman students must have a high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher with extracurricular support in athletics, community and/or student government services OR have a 3.0 grade point average or higher without extracurricular activities. If the student is a current EKU or transfer student, a minimum of a 2.5 college GPA is required. If applying as a graduate student, a minimum of a 3.0 college GPA is required.

Eastern Kentucky University recognizes the important role of diversity in fulfilling its mission. Diversity is fundamental to critical thinking and thus enhances what we learn, how we interact with others, and how we participate as citizens in a global community. We are committed to recruiting and retaining students from all segments of society, including African-American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Hispanic, or Latino.

What does it offer?

Awards range from $1,000 to $3,000 per year, and are applied to student’s tuition and fees. In order to retain the scholarship, the student must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, be enrolled full-time, reapply annually, and participate in the Rodney Gross Scholars Program in the Student Outreach and Transition Office (SOTO).

Incoming freshman students participating in the Dr. Rodney Gross Scholars Program participate in the Academic Monitoring Program by attending individual meetings with support staff three times each semester. First time freshman must also attend a mandatory six hours of study hall per week in the Dr. Rodney Gross Study Lounge (Whitlock 442) and are required to participate in the Freshmen Academy for Diverse Students. Graduate scholarship recipients serve as mentors to incoming freshman to assist them as needed in their transition to EKU and college life.

Tyler Persley
Computer Science Major
Class of 2015
Lexington, Ky.

“I am grateful to have received the Dr. Rodney Gross Scholarship for the past four years. The scholarship program has helped me tremendously, not only in financial assistance, but from the scheduled activities that give students the opportunity to learn what the EKU campus has to offer. Additionally, the scholars program really pushes for student success by offering academic guidance and students a quiet place to study.”