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## **HUNT-ARNOLD DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Hunt-Arnold Diversity Scholarship is open to incoming freshmen and is offered to those students who have the potential to share with the campus community their varied cultural perspectives and diverse backgrounds that are traditionally underrepresented in higher education. It is named in honor of Carl Hunt and Eugene Arnold, the first African American Fairmont State faculty members who fostered an inclusive and diverse environment at Fairmont State for many years.

The 2015-16 award amount is \$4,886, which will be split evenly between the fall and spring semesters. The value in 2016-17 will equal or exceed this amount.

This scholarship is awarded for a maximum of eight semesters or until program completion, whichever occurs first. Renewal of scholarship is determined at the conclusion of each spring semester and requires that recipients maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, successfully complete at least 24 credit hours during fall/spring semesters, and annual submission of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Application Requirements:**

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Must be a resident of WV
- Must submit the Hunt-Arnold Diversity Scholarship application by March 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year in high school
- Must submit at least two signed letters of reference from school official, teacher, member of a community organization, or employer
- Must submit personal essay on the topic "How might you benefit if there is diversity in your life? Please include examples of your experiences or lack of experiences with diversity."
- Must submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year in high school
- Must apply for admission to Fairmont State University by March 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year in high school

### **Selection Criteria:**

Recipients are chosen by the Hunt-Arnold Diversity Scholarship Committee who will consider, among other factors:

- Participation in community and/or school activities
- Financial need as defined by federal guidelines
- First generation of the family to attend college
- Evidence of ability to contribute to the diversity of Fairmont State University





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## HUNT-ARNOLD DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- Scholarship application, essay, and two letters of reference should be sent by March 1<sup>st</sup> of your senior year in high school to:

Hunt-Arnold Diversity Scholarship Committee  
c/o Vice President, Student Services  
Fairmont State University  
1201 Locust Avenue  
Fairmont, WV 26554

- Fairmont State University Admissions Application must be filed by March 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year in high school.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filed by March 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year in high school.

### Applicant Information

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Fairmont State University ID# F \_\_\_\_\_ or last four digits of SS# \_\_\_\_\_
3. Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
4. High School Name \_\_\_\_\_
5. Expected High School Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_
6. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_
7. E-mail \_\_\_\_\_
8. U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Resident \_\_\_\_\_

**Race/Ethnicity**—you are encouraged to provide this information. If you choose to decline, your application will still be considered.

9. Please check all that apply:
  - a. White
  - b. Black or African American
  - c. Hispanic/Latino
  - d. Asian
  - e. Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
  - f. American Indian or Alaskan Native
  - g. Unknown
  - h. Decline to Respond

**First-Generation College Student** --defined as a student whose parents' highest level of education is a high school diploma or less. It is based upon the maximum education level of either parent in those situations where parents have different levels of education.

10. Are you a first generation college student? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**School Activities** List activities and any offices held in school organizations:

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**Community Activities** List activities and any offices held in community organizations:

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**Work Experience** List any paid and/or volunteer work experiences you have had.

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**References** Please provide the names of your two references and the capacity in which they know you. You are responsible for asking the references to send a letter to the selection committee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay** (500 words or less) Attach your essay to this application.

Topic: How might you benefit if there is diversity in your life? Please include examples of your experiences or lack of experiences with diversity.

