

MCEIA WISDOM DIVERSITY GRANT

MCEIA Mission:

The Midwest Cooperative Education and Internship Association (MCEIA) is a non-profit organization of employers, educators and interested individuals and/or groups from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin which seeks to

- Promote an understanding of the significance and value of cooperative education, internships, and other experiential learning;
- Strengthen the functioning of cooperative education, internships, and other experiential learning; and,
- Provide a source of information about cooperative education, internships, and other experiential learning to all interested persons.

Description & Purpose:

The WISDOM Diversity Grant supports the MCEIA commitment of diversity within the organization and the area of experiential education by providing up to two (2), first-time minority attendees the opportunity to attend the annual conference and become a member of MCEIA for one year. The overall purpose of this grant is:

- To help increase minority participation in experiential education or college recruitment (human resources).
- To help encourage minority membership in MCEIA and in the state chapters.
- To help encourage minority members to take on future leadership positions at the state and/or regional level(s).
- To provide young professionals (recent graduate or new professional) an opportunity to network and develop mentoring relationships with more experienced experiential education/recruitment professionals.
- To encourage experiential education/college recruiting (human resources) as a possible career.

Benefits of the Grant:

A maximum grant amount of \$500 will cover:

- Waived registration fee for the upcoming MCEIA Conference.
- One (1) year membership in the Midwest Cooperative Education and Internship Association (MCEIA).
- Roundtrip transportation reimbursement, up to \$150, for the conference.
- New member spotlight in the Winter/Spring MCEIA Newsletter.

Grant Application Requirements

- First time attending the MCEIA conference and never had membership in the MCEIA organization prior to applying for this grant.
- Must be one (1) of the following:
 - Graduate student, enrolled in a higher education institution majoring in student affairs, college student personnel, student services, human resources or related major.
 - New professional (three years or less career related experience) working in career services or career development in a higher education institution;
 - New professional (three years or less career related experience) working in human resources or college recruitment for a company, non-profit organization, or government agency.
- Must belong to at least one (1) of the following underrepresented groups:
 - Ethnicity: African-American, Asian-American, Latino/Hispanic American, Native Indian/Alaskan
 - Individual with one of the following Disabilities:
Hearing Impairments, Mobility Impairments, or Visual Impairments

Application and Selection Process

Complete the WISDOM Diversity Grant Application which includes a recent copy your resume and 1-2 page (typed) statement on the **importance of experiential education for college students and the role of the career services advisor/human resources professional**, which should include the following:

- An understanding of the history and purpose of experiential education (co-op/internships)
- An understanding of the benefits of experiential education for students, employers, and schools
- Your purpose and future career goals working in the area of experiential education

A committee of three (3) individuals will be selected to review all applications and select the Grant winner(s). The committee will consist of:

- The MCEIA Cultural Diversity Chair
- Two (2) individuals representing the MCEIA Board of Governors or any of the current Committees (individuals will be selected by the Cultural Diversity Chair).

The winner(s) will be notified within 8-10 weeks before the scheduled MCEIA Conference.

Deadline to apply for the MCEIA WISDOM Diversity Grant is June 1st.

For more information please contact Tanye Harrison, MCEIA Cultural Diversity Chair, by email (t-harrison4@northwestern.edu) or phone (847.491.3366).



MCEIA WISDOM DIVERSITY GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Major/Position Title: _____

Applicant School/Department: _____

School/Company Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

This nomination package must include:

- MCEIA WISDOM Diversity Grant Application
- Applicant Statement
- Resume

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Nomination should be sent by email, mail, or fax to:

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