

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION SCHOLARSHIP

## About the Scholarship:

The Soka Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Scholarship is designed to expand access to education for students from minoritized groups and/or students who exemplify a commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in their community. Applicants of all backgrounds are eligible for consideration.

## Scholarship Amount:

- The scholarship will be awarded to nine continuing undergraduates (three from each class) in the amount of \$3,500.
- The scholarship is awarded as a one-year award and is not automatically renewed.
- Eligible students are encouraged to apply each academic year.
- Recipients will be notified by the Office of Financial Aid within two months of the submission deadline.

## Eligibility:

- The DEI Scholarship is available to undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in the 2023-2024 academic year.
- Students must identify with a minoritized group and/or exemplify a commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion at Soka University of America.
  - Examples may include but are not limited to those who identify with a racial or ethnic group, sexual orientation, gender identity, or other group that is minoritized.

## Application Deadline:

- The deadline to submit your application to the Office of Financial Aid is October 2, 2023 by 5:00pm PST.

## Office of Financial Aid

### SECTION A: Student Information

Name (Last, First, MI): \_\_\_\_\_

SUA Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION B: Eligibility

1.) Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Have you completed a 2023-2024 Financial Aid Application?

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YES

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NO

3.) Please attach an unofficial transcript and resume to your application.

### SECTION C: Certification (Check all boxes)

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**Authorization** – I authorize the Office of Financial Aid and/or the Scholarship Review Committee to verify my university status and any of the information provided as part of this scholarship application.

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**Release** – If I am selected as a recipient of this scholarship, I allow the Office of Financial Aid to release my scholarship application and demographic information to the Scholarship Review Committee and/or other departments on campus.

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**I identify as a student from a minoritized group and/or exemplify a commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in my community.**

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### SECTION D: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

1.) In the space provided below, please describe why this scholarship is right for you.

2.) List all significant DEI awards, activities, leadership positions, service projects, and research projects:

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_____	_____	_____
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(Please attach any supporting documentation that you believe would be relevant to this application.)

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### SECTION E: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and its Connection to the Mission

In the space provided below, please explain what you see as the connection between diversity, equity, and inclusion and the mission of Soka University of America (*"To foster a steady stream of global citizens committed to living a contributive life."*)

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### SECTION F: Contribution to a Culture of Inclusion and Belonging

In the space provided below, please explain how you have contributed to a culture of inclusion and belonging at Soka University of America, and how you intend to continue doing so? Please provide specific examples.

### SECTION G: Signature

By signing this form, I certify that all the information reported on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentation may be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of this scholarship. If selected for this scholarship, it will be added to your financial aid package and may impact eligibility for other financial aid awards. Recipients will be notified by the Office of Financial Aid if selected and will be required to write a thank you letter prior to the scholarship being awarded.

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Student Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Applications and supporting documents can be mailed, mailed inter-office, hand-delivered, or emailed to the Office of Financial Aid at [financialaid@soka.edu](mailto:financialaid@soka.edu) with the subject line of: **DEI Scholarship**.