

# Biola University's - Leaders Engaging and Advancing Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship 2011 - 2012 Scholarship Application

Biola University's long-standing mission has been to prepare and equip students for leadership to serve the Christian community and society at large. In keeping with its mission, the University desires to provide a program designed to recruit and retain students who are committed to diversity and have a passion for promoting multicultural awareness. We believe these students will make distinctive contributions and provide cultural enrichment both inside and outside the University.

## Who is eligible?

Any student who has developed a personal understanding of their own ethnic background and has engaged in activities that promotes multi-ethnic awareness, learning, and celebration within the context of the United States. In addition, students applying should have a cumulative high school GPA of a 3.0 or above, and/or cumulative transfer GPA of a 2.5 or higher.

## An ideal LEAD candidate:

Would be passionate about serving and growing as a student at Biola in the areas of racial reconciliation, ethnic identity development, and biblical understanding of reconciliation. The student would not only fulfill minimum LEAD program requirements, but would be proactive in seeking out opportunities to serve the Biola community in areas promoting diversity and racial reconciliation.

## Application process

Students desiring consideration for the 2011-2012 LEAD Scholarship must submit this completed application, as well as responses to the questions listed below, **no later than February 22, 2012**. A student must have completed the admissions process to Biola by February 15 to be considered. The LEAD scholarship committee will select students who best meet the application requirements, demonstrate academic strength, commitment to multicultural learning and development.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip code)

Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip code)

Please list your involvement in the following areas:

Church Ministries:

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Extra-curricular Activities:

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Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper. Your answers for all four questions should be a minimum of two pages (responses must be typed, 12 point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, with 1 inch margins).

1. Describe a) how you identify yourself ethnically and culturally, b) what that means to you, and c) what has contributed to your understanding of your ethnic background within the context of the United States?
2. What is the significance of ethnic and cultural diversity in the body of Christ?
3. What qualities do you possess that demonstrate your commitment to personal growth and learning?
4. Please describe your current or past experiences working/serving in an ethnic community, and how you will use these experiences to contribute to the community of Biola University to support multi-ethnic learning and celebration?

*“I commit to participating in the Cultural Encounters program during my first year at Biola. Additionally, I understand that I am required to attend 10 reconciliation chapels and 3 Student Congress on Racial Reconciliation conference sessions during an academic year throughout my four years if selected for this scholarship. I realize that I must maintain a 2.5 grade point average at Biola to renew the scholarship each additional year. I understand that my scholarship will be coordinated with state, federal, and Biola University financial aid, and that I may not receive both a Community Service and LEAD Scholarship.”*

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Signature

Date