



## SEED Award Undergraduate Application 2024

### SEED AWARD UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

The deadline is April 19, 2024 by 11:59 pm. Applications and all materials (including your letter of recommendation) must be submitted electronically by this date.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Students whose backgrounds and/or identities are underrepresented at the University of Minnesota.
- Students who will be full-time undergraduate juniors or seniors at any of the University of Minnesota's campuses during the Fall 2024 semester, with a minimum of four semesters completed coursework at the University.
- Students with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Students who demonstrate outstanding achievement and in the following areas:
  - Demonstrated commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion within the chosen field of study.
  - Demonstrated commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion through community outreach and engagement.
  - Demonstrated commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion through exemplary leadership activities.

#### STUDENT INFORMATION

*\*Please note: The name you provide here does not necessarily have to match your legal name as listed on your student account.*

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Pronouns ([learn more about pronouns](#))

University Email

Student ID# (7-digits)

Phone

Department/Major

G.P.A. (cumulative)

Number of credits taken at the University of Minnesota

Campus Enrolled

Your status during the Fall 2024 semester:

- 60-90 credits, Junior (1st semester)
- 60-90 credits, Junior (2nd semester)
- 91-120 credits, Senior (1st semester)
- 91-120+ credits, Senior (2nd semester)

### SEED AWARD INFORMATION

Please indicate which award(s) you are interested in being considered for (please see below for award descriptions):

- Hancock SEEDs of Change Award
- Andrews SEED Award (Student Speaker)

### SUE W. HANCOCK SEEDs OF CHANGE AWARDS

These awards are given to undergraduate students who are committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion through their academic achievement, community outreach and engagement, and leadership. These awards are named in honor of Sue W. Hancock, whose 27-year career of service at the U of M inspired her colleagues and students.

Recipients are full-time juniors or seniors pursuing active community engagement while maintaining a minimum 3.0 cumulative G.P.A.

### **MILTON AND DANAE ANDREWS SEED AWARD**

The Andrews SEED Award was created by Milton and Danae Andrews through the University of Minnesota Foundation to support students demonstrating impressive engagement with and commitment to issues of equity and diversity through outstanding academic achievement and activism. The recipient of this award will be the featured student speaker at the University of Minnesota Equity and Diversity Breakfast in November 2024. The awardee will speak about how they are working to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion at the University of Minnesota and in the community.

Thank you for your interest in being considered for the student speaker role at the University of Minnesota Equity and Diversity Breakfast in November 2024, where SEED awardees will be recognized. The event features several speakers, including one SEED award winner. The award winner speaks for approximately 2-3 minutes, highlighting their experiences and work (including specific DEI-centered projects at the U of M and in the community) to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**Please describe the DEI-centered projects you have been involved in, why you would like to speak at the event, and what you would like to address during your speech (250 words max).**

### **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please ask your recommender to submit their letter of recommendation as a **PDF or Word document** via this link [z.umn.edu/SEEDRecommendation](https://z.umn.edu/SEEDRecommendation) by the **April 3, 2024 deadline**.

**One letter of recommendation is required:**

- The letter of recommendation may be completed by a University of Minnesota faculty member or an instructor familiar with your academic work, a University of Minnesota staff member, or a member of the external community who is familiar with your academic accomplishments, engagement with issues of social justice, and/or community activism.

**In writing your letter of recommendation, ask your recommender to consider the following three questions:**

- How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- How has the applicant demonstrated to you their commitment to academic achievement and community engagement? Tell us about specific DEI-centered projects the applicant has been involved in or has led.
- How does the applicant advance equity, diversity, and inclusion, in the classroom and/or through their community activism?

Please list the name and contact information below for the individual who will be submitting your letter of recommendation:

Name of  
Recommender

Job Title

Phone Number

Email

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

The personal statement should describe your work in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion through your academic achievement,

community outreach and engagement, and leadership. Please use the following prompts to guide your writing (500 words max):

- Tell us about your interest in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) at the University and in the broader community.
  - What experiences have shaped your interest in DEI?
  - How did you become engaged in DEI work?
  - How has your DEI work impacted others?
- Provide specific examples about how your academic and extracurricular activities advance diversity, equity, and inclusion at the University and in the broader community.
  - What types of issues DEI issues are you addressing?
  - Discuss any leadership roles or projects you have taken on in your DEI-related activities and tell us about the impact of this work. Be as specific as possible in telling us about DEI-related projects at the U of M or in the community that you have been involved in or led and the impact it has had on others.
  - What are your plans for future DEI work?

#### UPLOAD PERSONAL STATEMENT

**IMPORTANT: Save the file as follows:**

**"YourLastName.YourFirstName.STATEMENT"**

#### SUPPORTING MATERIALS

In addition to the items above, please submit the following items in support of your SEED application:

- **A copy of your University of Minnesota transcript.** An unofficial copy of your transcript, available from the Office of the Registrar at no charge, is sufficient. Unofficial transcripts will be verified for accuracy. You can also contact One Stop to find out how to obtain a copy of your transcript.

- **A résumé** outlining your academic, co-curricular, and work/volunteer activities and achievements. Résumés should be no more than two pages in length.

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UPLOAD RESUME

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### **Disclosure**

#### **DISCLOSURE**

Please read statement carefully before signing and clicking "Submit."

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and true. All required documentation is enclosed. I hereby authorize the release of information, including that contained in my current student record, to internal and external selection committee members as may be required to determine my eligibility for a scholarship.

By signing and clicking "Submit," you digitally date and agree to the statement above.

Click to write the question text

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