NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

The American Public Health Association (APHA) and Kaiser Permanente (KP) are pleased to announce a call for applications for the American Public Health Association and Kaiser Permanente Community Health Scholarship, as part of the APHA KP Community Health Leadership Program. The Program is working to create a group of diverse, underrepresented public health leaders who are committed to improving the health of our most vulnerable communities and support achieving health equity for all.

The Scholarship will support the education of students, providing opportunities for them to gain an in-depth understanding of some of our most challenging issues and build their capacity by enrolling in graduate programs that are committed to training the emerging public health workforce. The Scholarship is funded through a Grant from Kaiser Permanente National Community Benefit Fund at the East Bay Community Foundation.

HOW MUCH IS THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Students pursuing their MPH will receive a $15,000 tuition award each year over the course of two years of study. For those seeking a DrPH/PhD they will receive a $20,000 tuition award per year for three years. The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the university upon confirmation of the student’s commitment to attend. Awardees will also be required to submit documentation acknowledging their enrollment and acceptance of the scholarship award.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

This scholarship award is intended for newly admitted full-time students beginning an MPH or DrPH/PhD degree in Fall 2023, who are historically underrepresented in the field of public health. Preference is given to those who identify as first-generation college graduates; persons from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, and those who classify under race/ethnicity groups such as Blacks or African Americans, Asians, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders, and individuals from other communities of color or underrepresented populations.

Applicants must have a conferred bachelor’s or master’s degree from an accredited school, and be a U.S. citizen or hold a visa permitting permanent residence (“Green Card”) in the U.S.

WHICH SCHOOLS ARE PARTICIPATING?

We are partnering with eight universities for this initiative due to their commitment to equity, inclusion and diversity. Only students applying to the MPH or DrPH/PhD programs at these institutions are eligible to apply for the Scholarship.

- Charles Drew University
- Georgia State University
- Morgan State University
- Portland State University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Colorado Anschutz
- University of Hawai‘i
- University of Washington
HOW DO I APPLY?
You must meet the educational, public health experience, and other requirements outlined in the application and apply through a dedicated [online portal]. The application consists of the following components:

- Demographic Information
- Short Essay Questions
- Supporting Documents
  - 60-second video clip
  - College Transcripts
  - Resume/CV
  - Letter(s) of Recommendation

WHAT’S THE APPLICATION PROCESS?
Each application will undergo an extensive review and select applicants will be interviewed by the Scholarship Review Committee. The application will close on December 16th, 2022 at 11:59pm EST and final decisions will be announced by March 30, 2023.

HOW LONG IS THE AWARD CYCLE?
The scholarship award will be applied during the 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 academic years for MPH students. For those enrolled in a DrPH/PhD program, they will be funded under the same time period and receive an additional year of funding for support during the 2025-2026 academic year.

WHAT’S THE TIMELINE?

APPLICATION OPENS—September 2022
APPLICATION DEADLINE—December 16th, 2022
FINAL NOTIFICATIONS—March 30, 2023

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?
Applicants can submit questions to scholarships@apha.org.

APPLY NOW!