

The Travelers EDGE (Empowering Dreams for Graduation and Employment) scholarship program is designed to prepare students for a career in the Insurance and Financial Services (IFS) industry. Scholars will engage in workshops on professionalism, job shadowing, advising, and an internship course paired with a paid internship. All activities are free to EDGE Scholars, who also receive a scholarship.

Inver Hills collaborates with five other institutions in the Twin Cities with the goal that students are prepared to transfer to Metro State, Augsburg College, or the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota to earn bachelor's degrees in a related field. EDGE Scholars have exclusive opportunities for scholarships, internships, and other experiences while at Inver Hills and the partner schools.

#### Eligibility criteria

- Declared a major relevant to Insurance and Financial Services (IFS), listed below.
- Have at least one full academic year of courses remaining; preference given to students who are on track to transfer for fall 2018.
- 3.0 GPA or higher in high school (for students who have not previously taken college courses)
- 3.0 GPA or higher and 75% course completion rate (for returning and transfer students)
- Complete 2017-18 FAFSA application (if eligible)
- Underrepresented student (student of color, eligible for Pell grant, or first-generation— neither parent has a bachelor's degree)
- Eligible to work in U.S. (U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, DACA)
- Commit to earning an associate degree and transferring to pursue a bachelor's degree.

#### Program Requirements

- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and complete 75% of course work
- Meet with EDGE program advisor at least three times each semester
- Attend all scheduled events (up to four or five events per month)
- Participate fully in internship and internship course, spring 2018

#### Application and selection Process

- Complete application form (deadline is Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017)
- Submit unofficial transcripts (college and/or high school)
- Interview if selected as finalist
- Priority is given to students who graduated from a St. Paul Public School, or participated in the following programs: AVID, College Possible, Genesys Works, PAGE Scholar, Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, Multicultural Excellence Program, Academy of Finance, and IT Academy

#### Applicable Declared Majors

- Accounting A.S.
- Contemporary Business A.S.
- International Business A.S.
- Information Technology Majors
- Associate in Arts degree with emphasis that aligns with insurance and financial services
- A.A. with plans to transfer and earn a bachelor's degree in a business-related field

# Application Deadline: Friday, April 28th, 2017

## Travelers EDGE Scholar Application

Name (first, middle, last): \_\_\_\_\_ Student (Tech) ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION

Inver Hills Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected final semester at IHCC: \_\_\_\_\_

Potential transfer college(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Expected transfer major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to identify \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Resident \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Background: (Please check all that apply)

- Hispanic /Latino                       American Indian/Alaska Native                       Asian  
 Black/African-American                       Caucasian/White                       Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
 Potential first-generation bachelor's degree graduate  
 Eligible for Pell and/or MN State Grants                       Saint Paul Public Schools Graduate

With which cultural/national/tribal background(s) (i.e. Puerto Rican, Hmong, Lakota, Irish, Persian, Somali) do you identify? \_\_\_\_\_

### PREVIOUS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Check all programs in which you have participated.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AVID             | <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Possible | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Talent Search        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis Works    | <input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural Excellence Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PAGE Scholars    |   |

### ESSAY

Please type and answer the following essay questions: Essay should be at least one page each. Please answer each question on separate pages.

1. What are your educational and career goals and how did you decide on them?
2. Why do you seek to be an EDGE Scholar and how will the program help you achieve your educational and career goals?

### CERTIFICATION

I certify the information I have provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the EDGE program staff to review my academic records and provide such records to Travelers Foundation staff in support of my application and for administration of the scholarship.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please submit completed application to:

Inver Hills Community College, TRIO  
2500 East 80<sup>th</sup> Street  
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

#### Contact:

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