

Travelers EDGE Scholars Program

The Travelers EDGE (Empowering Dreams for Graduation and Employment) program prepares 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 other colleges in the Twin Cities with the goal that students are prepared to transfer to Metro State University or Augsburg University 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

- Commit to earning an associate's degree and transferring to earn a bachelor's degree in a major relevant to Insurance and Financial Services (IFS), listed below.
- 2.75 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 2018-19 FAFSA application and qualify for a federal Pell grant.
- Eligible to work in U.S. without a sponsor (U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident).

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 during spring 2019

Application and Selection Process

- Complete this application form and attach essay responses.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from an instructor (high school teacher or college faculty member) – may be attached to application or submitted separately to mkruger@inverhills.edu.
- Submit unofficial transcripts (college and/or high school).
- Complete 2018-2019 FAFSA and submit Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Interview on Friday, April 20th if selected as finalist.

Relevant Majors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Actuarial Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A.A. w/plan to pursue relevant bachelor's | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Administration/Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Application Development | <input type="checkbox"/> International Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/Mechanical Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science/MIS/CIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (applied or other) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Management/Insurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics |

Application Deadline: Friday, April 13th, 2018

Travelers EDGE Scholar Application

Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

EDUCATION

Inver Hills Major: _____ Expected Inver Hills Graduation: _____

Potential transfer college(s): _____

Expected transfer major(s): _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Gender: _____ I do not wish to identify _____ Citizenship: U.S. Citizen _____ Permanent Resident _____

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 Grant _____ 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"/> Genesis Works | <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Possible | <input type="checkbox"/> PAGE Scholars | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Talent Search |

ESSAY

Please type and answer the following essay questions. Each essay should be no more than 300 words. Please answer each question on a separate page.

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?

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Please verify that you have submitted one letter of recommendation (may be submitted separately), your 2018-2019 Student Aid Report, and an unofficial transcript.

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 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 80th Street
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

Contact:

Matt Kruger
mkruger@inverhills.edu
(651) 450-3701

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