

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Endowed Scholarship for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The University of Evansville Doctor of Physical Therapy is pleased to announce the establishment of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Endowed Scholarship for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Beginning in 2023, eligible students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program will be able to apply for this \$2,500 scholarship. The recipient will be a Doctor of Physical Therapy student who is a person of color, and when collaborating with Physical Therapy faculty, the Office of Admissions, and the Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the recipient will be responsible for the creation of a hands-on Physical Therapy workshop for interested school-aged students.

As a declaration of their commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion at the University of Evansville and in the physical therapy profession, this scholarship was developed and partially funded by Rehabilitation & Performance Institute, an outpatient physical therapy company owned by University of Evansville alumni. Additional funding for the scholarship was provided by private donors and through a Pep and Vim campaign.

The student must apply in order to receive the scholarship, with the applicants being reviewed by the Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy and the Chief Inclusion and Equity Officer, and top candidates will be invited for an in-person interview. The following criteria will be utilized to determine eligibility:

- The recipient must be a UE student in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program
- The recipient must be approved by the Chair of the Physical Therapy Department and the Chief Diversity Officer
- The recipient must be a student of color
- The recipient must be in good academic standing with the university (3.0 GPA)
- The recipient must collaborate directly with the Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, as well as the Office of Admissions, to create a Physical Therapy event for school-aged students to increase interest in studying PT. This event will occur 2 times per semester.

The scholarship will be dispersed as \$1250 in the fall and \$1250 in the spring. Students can reapply for the scholarship each year. The application deadline is June 1, 2023.

Application

Contact information:

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email address:

Demographics:

Do you consider yourself to be a member of any of the following racial/ethnic minority groups (check all that apply):

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify)
- Hispanic/Latino

Upload transcripts:

Please list examples of your community involvement below (add rows as needed).

Organization/Event	Location	Date(s)	Total hours	Description of activities
Example: Habitat for Humanity	Evansville, IN	1/25/22	8	Assisted with constructing a new home in downtown Evansville

Please list two letters of reference that can speak to your leadership and passion for the community (examples may include professors, community members, supervisors).

Please respond to the following essay question in 500 words or less.

Why is diversity, equity, and inclusion in the field of physical therapy important to you?