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Center for Global Peace invites applications
for the undergraduate

Abdul Aziz Said Phi Epsilon Pi Scholarship for Diversity

AU Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity members have established an undergraduate endowment fund to provide a **'Scholarship for Diversity'**, named in honor of Professor Abdul Aziz Said, who supported the establishment of the fraternity at AU and served as its first academic advisor.

The **Abdul Aziz Said Phi Epsilon Pi Scholarship for Diversity** invites applications from undergraduates, who submit a written essay (2-3 pages) which outlines their understanding of and commitment to diversity. The essay should illustrate the student's demonstrated efforts and intentions for enhancing the environment of diversity at AU and beyond. You are recommended to include information on any courses you have taken (and the name of the professor) or activities that you have been involved with, both at AU and beyond. A successful applicant will outline an activity that they will undertake during the coming academic year at AU, and explain how it will enhance the culture of diversity on campus.

The **'Scholarship for Diversity'** will be awarded to one undergraduate student currently enrolled at American University, for **$2,500 toward Fall 2010 tuition**. The Scholarship will be renewable each semester, based on the student's continued eligibility – maintain a 3.0 GPA, and submit a report on your campus activities in support of diversity.

Submit applications by e-mail to salima@american.edu by **April 15, 2010**:
1) Essay of 2-3 pages (single spaced), outlining your past efforts and future plans for enhancing diversity at AU, & times/ways when you personally have experienced 'diversity' in your own life.
2) List of references at AU – faculty and/or coordinator for the on-campus project you propose to undertake to enhance diversity at AU.
3) Unofficial transcript of AU coursework.
4) Resume.

Selection Criteria & Process – Successful applications will convey a clear plan for undertaking a semester-long project to enhance the environment of diversity on campus. Applicants are encouraged to work with an existing program or faculty member on campus, to build upon such efforts and to infuse new energies and/or activities by engaging undergraduate participation.
Scholarship recipient will implement their proposed Diversity project under the supervision of AU's Center for Global Peace.

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Applications will be reviewed by the Center for Global Peace's Appointment Committee. Finalists will be notified by May 10, and an interview will be scheduled if possible. Scholarship award recipient will be announced by May 30.

To develop your idea for an activity in support of diversity on AU's campus – you can consult with others on campus, such as Betty Sitka @ Center for Global Peace www.american.edu/cgp, Multicultural Affairs Office, and such faculty/staff as Bette Dickerson, Richard Sha, Calleen Jennings, Mohammed Abu-Nimer, Joseph Eldridge, Celine-Marie Pascale, Anthony Wanis-St. John, Fanta Aw, Gary Wright, and Tiffany Sanchez. (This is not an exclusive list. You may be aware of others on campus that are cultivating an environment of diversity.)

A little history – Phi Epsilon Pi was established at AU in Fall 1957, as the first non-sectarian fraternity on campus. Everyone was welcome, and many of the top students who were barred from joining other fraternities (based on religion, race or ethnicity) came together to make Phi Ep the place to be! Phi Ep was the fraternity of diversity on campus, through 1969, when other organizations refused membership to those who were from a different religion, race or ethnicity. Their commitment to diversity attracted some of the brightest and most active students on campus, including varsity sports, student government, and academics. Many Phi Ep alumni have served the university on-goingly, including on the Board of Trustees.

Resources you can access in preparing your application:

To briefly summarize the state of diversity at AU -- consult the AU website, strategic plan, the Academic Data Reference Book, the National Center for Education Statistics (to see how AU compares to US Universities), as well as reflecting upon your own experiences.

Academic Reference Book
http://www.american.edu/provost/oira/Academic-Data-Reference-Book.cfm

National Center for Education Statistics
http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=61

To explore what some other campuses are doing, check out:

Association of American Colleges & Universities
http://www.aacu.org/resources/diversity/index.cfm