

**UW-STOUT Multicultural Student Services
ADVANCED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (AOP)
2009-2010**

The intent of the Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP) is to provide financial assistance to designated minority and disadvantaged graduate students to improve their opportunities for retention and graduation and lessen the burden of student debt.

Funding limits are based on tuition and fees

Application process:

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

- 1) **Submit application materials together including:**
 - **Application**
 - **Enrollment Clarification**
 - **Priority consideration deadline: March 13, 2009**

- 2) **Return application materials to:**
 - UW-Stout Multicultural Student Services**
 - 217 Bowman Hall**
 - 802 South Broadway**
 - Menomonie, WI 54751**

Certification process:

- 1) **Have meet with your Multicultural Student Services advisor (MSS) fall term**
 - **Continuation of AOP requires recipients to meet with their MSS advisor once per term**

- 2) **Meet satisfactory progress requirement**
 - **Submit unofficial transcripts to your MSS advisor by January 15, 2010 to verify academic satisfactory progress**

- 3) **Set up appointment to meet with your MSS advisor for spring semester**

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New Applicant **Renewal applicant** **Date:** _____

Name: _____ **ID#** _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Gender: **Female** **Male**

Ethnicity:

African-American **American Indian/Alaskan Native** **Asian** **Hispanic**
 Pacific Islander **Southeast Asian** **Other** (please specify): _____

Citizenship:

U.S. **Permanent Resident** **Other** (please specify): _____

Residency:

Wisconsin **Minnesota** **Other** (please specify): _____

I have received AOP at other institution(s).

YES **Institution:** _____ **Semesters Received:** _____
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NO

Number of transferred credits from other institution(s): _____

I am eligible for AOP because I meet the following criteria:

___ Financial need as determined by FAFSA

___ I come from a family that received any type of public assistance, including eligibility for school lunch program

___ I am a first generational college student

___ I participated in special services for disadvantaged student programs such as Upward Bound, Trio, Talent Search, etc.

___ I am a student who did not have the expectation and encouragement to pursue post-graduate education as a viable option

I pursued other available funding sources, such as Foundation Scholarships, Graduate Assistantships and Out-of-state tuition waivers: _____ YES _____ NO

I had a change to the following since submitting my FAFSA application:

Income for myself, spouse, or parents: _____ YES _____ NO

Family household size: _____ YES _____ NO

What are your goals for 2009-2010? *Please use additional sheets of paper if necessary

In what ways can Multicultural Student Services support your experience at Stout?

What services could Multicultural Student Services provide to ensure your retention at Stout?

I understand that the information in this application is true and complete to the best of me knowledge and I understand that inaccurate information may affect my enrollment, tuition or financial aid status. I agree to notify the Multicultural Student Services office, in writing, if there is a change to any of this information, including my address. I also understand that if I have applied for AOP, information concerning the amount of financial aid I may be awarded may be released to other agencies that may also be considering me for assistance. Further, I authorize previous institutions that I attended to release financial information and any pertinent information to University of Wisconsin-Stout (UW-Stout) Multicultural Student Services Office. If I receive a AOP award, I agree to maintain all eligibility requirements for the period of my award. I understand that the UW-Stout reserves the right to terminate any award monies if information has been intentionally misrepresented in this form and other documentation submitted as application for the award. Further, the UW-Stout has the right to seek repayment for any funds obtained under these pretenses.

- **I have read and understand the AOP Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines**
- **I understand that proof of income may be required**
- **By completing and submitting this form, I am verifying the information is true and accurate**

Signature of Applicant

Date

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT