

SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT – Class of 2017



I have read and understand the following terms of this agreement:

- *Wallin Education Partners awards me a four-year scholarship based on unmet need to be used in yearly increments (up to 25% of my total scholarship per year) toward the cost of my undergraduate education at a qualifying institution of higher learning in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, or South Dakota or a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).*
- *This scholarship will be paid directly to my college or university for authorized costs of attendance. It is renewable each year based on academic performance and my continued involvement with the program.*
- *Should I receive grant or scholarship funding from other sources, the amount of my scholarship may be reduced so as to not displace other sources of financial aid. Any unused funds from a particular year may be carried forward for use in future undergraduate academic years.*
- *If I receive full funding from other sources or decide to attend a school that does not meet the parameters of this program, I will become ineligible for this scholarship.*

Requirements to Maintain Wallin Education Partners Scholarship

1. ENROLL FULLTIME EACH TERM

- a. I will enroll full-time (as defined by my institution) unless I can demonstrate to Wallin Education Partners in advance that my academic program requires fewer credits in a term. Wallin Education Partners will grant consideration for less than full time enrollment with approved academic accommodations as needed.

2. MAINTAIN AT LEAST 2.50 GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

- a. I will maintain a minimum GPA of 2.50 during each term of attendance.
- b. If my term GPA falls below 2.50, I will be placed on "Below Standard" academic status with Wallin Education Partners and I will work cooperatively with my Wallin Education Partners Advisor to develop and adhere to a Scholar Success Plan.
- c. If, following a term on "Below Standard" academic status, I do not maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50, I understand that my scholarship may be withdrawn or suspended indefinitely until I improve my GPA.

3. RESPOND PROMPTLY TO COMMUNICATION

- a. I will respond to all communications from Wallin Education Partners as soon as possible but no later than three working days. Wallin Education Partners may withdraw my scholarship funding and advising services if I do not respond to repeated outreach from Wallin Education Partners.
- b. I will provide substantive academic updates and reflections at least twice a year and additionally upon request.
- c. I agree to inform Wallin Education Partners in writing of any changes in my contact information, including changes in phone number, cell phone number, e-mail address, campus or home address, name, or marital status.
- d. I give Wallin Education Partners representatives permission to contact my parents and/or guardians to obtain contact information for me and to serve as a resource in locating me, should that be necessary, for the duration of and after my college career.

4. PARTICIPATE IN WALLIN EDUCATION PARTNERS PROGRAM

- a. I will attend all required Wallin Education Partners Scholar events. If I have a scheduling conflict or other valid reason for not attending a required event, I will communicate with Wallin Education Partners in advance. I understand my attendance is required at New Scholar Orientation and the New Scholar Reception. In addition, I may be required to attend a special meeting with my Donor at some point during the year. I will make a concerted effort to fully participate in the Wallin Education Partners program by being an active participant in community service projects, career fairs, webinars, and by completing the on-line GradReady modules.

5. RELEASE OF INFORMATION

- a. I will sign Wallin Education Partners' "Scholar Permission to Release Information" form. This form grants Wallin Education Partners access to my college academic, financial aid, and contact information records for the

duration of and after my college career and allows Wallin Education Partners to share this information with Wallin Education Partners Donors.

6. PROVIDE TRANSCRIPTS

- a. I agree to provide my unofficial transcript to Wallin Education Partners as soon as it becomes available each term.
- b. Most institutions provide transcripts directly to Wallin Education Partners; if my school does not, I agree to personally send Wallin Education Partners my transcript or work with Wallin Education Partners to obtain the necessary academic information from my institution.

7. APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID AND SEND COPY OF AWARD LETTER

- a. I agree to apply for institutional and federal financial aid each year, unless I am ineligible. Required paperwork includes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- b. I agree to provide Wallin Education Partners a copy of my initial institutional financial aid award letter by the New Scholar Orientation and I will provide copies of my subsequent institutional award letters to Wallin Education Partners upon request thereafter.

8. LIMIT COURSE DROPS/WITHDRAWALS

- a. I agree to limit course drops/withdrawals.
- b. I will contact my Wallin Education Partners Advisor before dropping or withdrawing from any class.

9. BE ON TRACK TO DECLARE A MAJOR AND TO GRADUATE IN 4 YEARS

- a. Prior to my junior year, I will inform Wallin Education Partners Advisor of intended major(s) and/or minor(s), if applicable.
- b. I will let Wallin Education Partners know if I ever change my major(s)/minor(s).
- c. By the end of my junior year, I will document with my Wallin Education Partners Advisor the specifics of my graduation plan, including schedule for completing academic credits and other requirements.
- d. I understand that Wallin Education Partners will formally close my account upon my graduation from college.
- e. I understand that Wallin Education Partners may formally close my account upon six years from my high school graduation, regardless of whether I have graduated from college.

10. COMMUNICATE TRANSFER OF COLLEGES

- a. I will inform my Wallin Education Partners Advisor at least 30 days before transferring to a different college within or outside of my current institution.
- b. I understand that transferring to a community (2-year) college, a proprietary (for profit) college, or a college outside of MN, WI, IA, ND, or SD (other than an HBCU) will result in the loss of my scholarship.

11. FORMALLY REQUEST DEFERRALS

- a. I understand that I may request scholarship deferral for up to one year, and that requests must be submitted in writing and are considered for approval on a case-by-case basis.
- b. If I am not enrolled and have not received deferral permission from Wallin Education Partners, I understand that my scholarship may be discontinued.

12. MAINTAIN GOOD STANDING AT MY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

- a. I understand that I am expected to maintain academic standards and be a good citizen on campus. I understand that disciplinary or academic probation by my college or university may result in the withdrawal of my scholarship.

I AGREE TO MEET ALL CONDITIONS SPECIFIED ABOVE to remain eligible for my scholarship. I understand that this scholarship is renewable each term based on academic criteria and my continued involvement with the program. I understand that the Donor's expectation is to provide all four years of funding, barring some unforeseen contingency. Wallin Education Partners may withdraw scholarship funding and advising for students who do not comply with the above terms.

Student Name (please print your full name):

Student Signature:

Date:
