Scholarship for Students Committed to Reducing and Preventing Dating Abuse & Domestic Violence

Description
Dating abuse and domestic violence can have a significant impact on a student’s college experience and their ability to persist and remain in school. It can also affect overall health, including physical and mental health. This scholarship was created to recognize and support students working to end dating abuse and domestic violence by providing financial assistance for educational needs. The hope is that recognizing and financially supporting students will reduce and prevent dating abuse and domestic violence among the campus community.

Scholarships are funded by the Verizon Foundation, which has a core initiative devoted to the prevention of domestic violence. The Gender Violence Prevention Advisory Committee (GVPAC) will review the scholarship applications and make award recommendations and notifications. The GVPAC is comprised of students and staff from various programs and divisions on campus and guides gender violence prevention and intervention initiatives. A total of five grants of $2,700 will be awarded to full-time, degree-seeking students.

Requirements
Applicants must:
- Be currently enrolled and planning to be enrolled in Fall 2012 as a full-time undergraduate or graduate degree-seeking student at the University of Colorado Boulder.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
  - By applying for this grant you are giving permission for the scholarship committee to verify your enrollment and check your grades.
- Submit a one to two page, double-spaced, 12 point font, one inch margins, essay about your work towards ending dating abuse and domestic violence to:
  - Jessica Ladd-Webert, Director, Office of Victim Assistance and Chair of Scholarship committee
  - Email to: jessica.ladd-webert@colorado.edu
- Attach a one page resume.
- Attach two letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your commitment to dating abuse prevention or domestic violence issues.
- Remember to include your full name, email address, and student ID number on all submitted documents.
- Deadline to apply: March 15th, 2012 by 5pm

Application Evaluation Criteria
Applications are evaluated on the following criteria:
- Demonstrated commitment to reducing and preventing dating abuse and domestic violence. Examples of this include, but are not limited to: providing information to peers on the issue, volunteering for a local domestic violence organization, being an active member of a student group dedicated to gender violence/domestic violence issues, having an academic focus on dating violence or domestic violence.

Number & Amount of Awards
- Five scholarships will be awarded by the end of April 2012 and will be applied to your 2012-2013 academic year.
- Notifications will be sent to the email included in the application.
- Each scholarship will be in the amount of $2,700.
  - Please note that if you receive financial aid this award could impact that. Please follow up with the Office of Financial Aid for more information: http://www.colorado.edu/finaid/

Contact Information
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