



FALL 2023 / SPRING 2024

CIE INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Center for Inclusive Excellence offers awards (up to \$350 per semester) to help subsidize the cost of textbooks/course supplies for students who identify as (a) *historically underrepresented/HUG (BIPOC, First-Generation, LGBTQ+)*, and/or *multi-lingual*, [OR] who are (b) *Pell-* and/or *Minnesota State Grant eligible*.

Please complete the following information below. Attach this form to your essay to complete your application.

Students who submit a completed award application are eligible to receive up to \$350 to use specifically towards physical and/or digital textbook purchases, textbook rentals, and any necessary/required course supplies from, or through the Bookmark!

Here is what you need to know...

Students who meet one of the necessary eligibility qualifications above must **1) submit a completed award application**, and **2) submit an accompanying essay (see the prompt below)**; **3) be enrolled during the fall/spring semester**; and/or if applicable **4) get verification of financial need**.

Awards are granted on a term specific, "first come, first served" basis...assuming all other criteria has been met.

ELIGIBILITY (Please mark at least one): (a) HUG/Identity and/or (b) Financial Eligibility

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Email: _____

Essay Instructions (for FALL/SPRING Term): Type a one-and-a-half to two-page response answering the following prompt: **In your own words, describe the difference between INCLUSION and BELONGING, and why both are important for a college student's overall wellbeing.** We suggest 12- 14 point, easily readable font (Arial, Helvetica, etc.), and double-spaced. It should include your name, class year, and essay title/theme. Please staple the essay to this application form and deliver it in person (or scan and email it) to **The Center for Inclusive Excellence**. (Note: when there are a limit number of awards, they get processed on a first come, first served, the sooner the CIE receives the completed applications, the better the chances are to receive an award, and to assure processing for the current term)

Financial Need? : _____ YES / NO _____ Financial Aid Rep Signature _____

AWARD APPROVED BY _____ DATE _____

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