



**Purpose of the Advanced Opportunity Program Fellowship.** The AOP Fellowship is provided by the State of Wisconsin and is intended to provide financial support for minority and disadvantaged graduate students which will allow them to focus attention on their graduate studies and to complete their degrees in a timely fashion.

Prior to initial completion of this form, complete the Application for Admission to Graduate School, including submission of transcripts for all previous graduate and undergraduate study. AOP applicants are required to complete a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form as part of the AOP application process. In completing the AOP application, additional sheets may be used if desired.

Funding is not automatically renewed from year to year. Although the committee will try to provide sufficient support for a degree to be achieved, the student must reapply for each academic year, including summer term. Top priority will be given to students unconditionally admitted into a degree program who demonstrate continuous satisfactory progress toward their degree.

Committee Review Date for Applications: Applications for the summer term and for each academic year will be reviewed by May 1. Later applications will be reviewed if sufficient funding is available.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT**

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Date	Student ID #	Term(s) and Year for which this application is being made [ ] Fall 20__ [ ] Spring, 20__ [ ] Summer, 20__		
Name	Last or Family	First or given	Middle	Phone No ( )
Mailing Address	Street or Box No		City, State and Zip Code	
Degree Program	Expected graduation date (month, year)			

1 Please identify your qualifying category:

- African American
- Hispanic/Latino (a)
- Southeast Asian
- Native American
- Disadvantaged (new applicants complete Disadvantaged Criteria Determination Form)

2 How many credits will you be taking during each term for which you are requesting support?

Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Cum GPA \_\_\_\_\_ EFC \_\_\_\_\_ Award Amt: F \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ Sum \_\_\_\_\_

## University of Wisconsin-Superior Guidelines Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP)

UW System Guidelines for the Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP) will be followed. Wisconsin residents will have priority status in receiving AOP awards (see #9 below).

The AOP awards at the University of Wisconsin-Superior shall be known as the Advanced Opportunity Program fellowships (abbreviated as AOP fellowships). Application of these guidelines for the University of Wisconsin-Superior are given below:

- 1 The principle underlying awards of the AOP fellowships shall be that they provide a proactive incentive for eligible and "targeted" minority or disadvantaged graduate students (as defined in the System Guidelines) to enroll in graduate programs at the University of Wisconsin-Superior and to successfully complete those programs without diversion from their studies necessitated by concurrent employment.
- 2 The amount of the AOP fellowship should allow for payment of all academic tuition and fees, and an additional allotment to be applied to expenses as funds are available. (The nonresident portion of the academic fees are met through the Tuition Award Program or Waivers and are rounded to the nearest \$500.)
- 3 The Dean of Academic Affairs & Graduate Studies, Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and Director of Financial Aid screen applications and award funds to applicants.
- 4 Each applicant for an AOP fellowship is expected to meet one of the following criteria. Funds are awarded in the following **priority** order:
  - a. Official unconditional admit to a graduate degree program.
  - b. Official admit unconditionally or on a probationary basis to a Graduate Studies program.
  - c. Admit as a Special Adult in graduate coursework.
- 5 AOP applicants must complete a current FAFSA as part of the AOP application process. Filing the FAFSA is accomplished online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- 6 New AOP applicants, claiming disadvantaged status, must complete the Disadvantaged Criteria Determination Form.
- 7 To continue as an AOP fellow beyond the first term, the graduate student must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, meet the requirements of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, and submit an AOP application.
- 8 Should an AOP fellow drop out of school, either officially or unofficially during any term in which he or she has been awarded an AOP fellowship, that fellow shall be responsible for refunding to the University of Wisconsin-Superior the amount of the AOP award for that term.
- 9 Preference shall be given to Wisconsin residents who apply by April 1 each year.

This set of guidelines is available online at [www.uwsuper.edu/finaid](http://www.uwsuper.edu/finaid) and will be sent to each potential AOP fellowship applicant along with the AOP fellowship Application Form. Upon award of an AOP fellowship, a notification form will be sent to the applicant/AOP fellow.