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Program for Realizing Educational Potential (PREP)

PREP at Northern Arizona University offers students from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to prepare for a future career in the health professions. Selected participants will meet role models who also come from disadvantaged backgrounds, work with health professionals, participate in academic development, and get a head start in preparing for college.

This four-and-a-half-week summer program is held on the NAU campus Mondays through Saturdays, June 2 to July 3, 2018. Scholars receive up to a \$3,600 stipend that can be used toward housing, meals, and transportation to and from campus, and are required to participate in all planned activities. Upon completion of PREP and pre-requisite courses, the scholars are encouraged to apply to a health profession program. The program is sponsored by a federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, #D18HP29041, called the Journey for Underrepresented Medical Professionals (JUMP).

We welcome you to complete the application for PREP. Please complete each item to the best of your knowledge. Because PREP is a pathway for students from disadvantaged backgrounds to work toward a future career in the health professions, applicants must provide documentation showing they are from a disadvantaged background. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are due **Friday, February 16, 2018**. Selected scholars will be notified by e-mail **Wednesday, March 7, 2018**. Accepted scholars will then be invited for a mandatory campus orientation **Friday, May 18, 2018**.

A completed application includes the following components:

- Application form
- The following items will need to be submitted as attachments:
 - Proof of current economic status and educational disadvantage
 - A copy of recent high school or college/university transcripts (unofficial is acceptable)
 - 2018-2019 FAFSA or 2016 income taxes
 - Current resume
 - 1-2 page, double spaced essay
- Parents signature is required on applications for all minors

Because PREP is a pathway for students from disadvantaged backgrounds to work toward a future career in the health professions, applicants must provide documentation showing they are from a disadvantaged background or from a community with a shortage of health care professionals. Scholars accepted to PREP must be both **Economically** and **Educationally Disadvantaged** as defined in the print below.

- **Economically disadvantaged:** Coming from a family with an annual income 200% below the federal poverty level in 2016. Please provide documentation showing family income is below the 200% poverty threshold.

Please provide one or more of the following documents to provide proof of low income:

- Letter from school stating student qualifies for free/reduced lunch
- FASFA Student Aid Report
- Copy of parent 2016 taxes

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)-2016 200% Federal Poverty Level

Persons in Family Unit	48 Contiguous States and D.C.
1	\$23,760
2	\$32,040
3	\$40,320
4	\$48,600
5	\$56,800
6	\$65,160
7	\$73,460
8	\$81,780
Each additional person adds \$8,320	

- **Educationally disadvantaged:** Coming from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to develop and participate in a health professions education or training program.

PREP scholars must provide documentation supporting an Educational Disadvantage in either the **Educational Background** or **Family Background** categories below.

Educational Background:

- Attended an under-performing high school. Under-performing rating is high school specific, not rating for school district or state.
 - Arizona resident documentation can be your high school report card and high school Achievement Profile at: azreportcard.org
 - If you are not from Arizona, go to your state's Department of Education website and look for your high school report card.
 - A federal site that might provide information is: nces.ed.gov/globalLocator/ Fill out your school information. A pop-up window will display school data, click "more Information" at the top for additional details (total students, free lunch & reduced lunch eligible data).
- Graduated from or last attended a school with:
 - Low SAT scores based on most recent data available
 - Low percentage of seniors receiving a high school diploma
 - Low percentage of graduates going to college during their first year after graduation
 - Low per capita funding
 - Many of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced price lunches (generally more than 50%) Documentation and can be found at: azed.gov/health-nutrition/frpercentages

Family Background:

- Raised by single parent due to death of one parent. Must provide copy of death certificate.
- Family receives public aid such as food stamps, Medicaid/AHCCCS or other type of federal/state insurance, public housing, free school lunch, etc. Attach letter from approved funding agency.
- Both parents' highest level of education is high school degree or lower. Documentation can be found on your FAFSA- Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Lived in an area that is considered by the Federal government as a rural area. See datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/tools/analyzers/geo/Rural.asp and enter the address where you were raised.
- Raised or worked in Medically Underserved Community (MUC) or Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). Documentation of shortage designations can be found at: hrsa.gov/tools/analyzers/geo/ShortageArea.aspx