

COPE/Mitsui USA Full Tuition Scholarship

*A collaborative project of The City University of New York
College Opportunity to Prepare for Employment (COPE) Program and
The Mitsui USA Foundation*

Application for Tuition Assistance – Academic Year 2012

Due Date: June 17, 2011

Student Application - Introduction

The City University of New York College Opportunity to Prepare for Employment (COPE) program has received a grant from the Mitsui USA Foundation, to award three ***COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarships*** for AY 2012. This scholarship is intended to be used for tuition and educational expenses for a currently enrolled CUNY student who meets **all** of the following criteria:

1. U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status (student visa status does not qualify); and
2. 12-45 credits completed towards an Associate's degree or 12 to 95 credits completed towards a Baccalaureate degree at a CUNY college; and
3. either receiving/eligible for public assistance or family income within 200% of Federal Poverty level guidelines; and
4. cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0; and
5. passed CUNY writing test and demonstrates strong ability to communicate clearly in written English.

Students who meet **all** of the criteria listed above are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. ***There are no restrictions regarding the recipient's course of study;*** however, the following additional characteristics will be viewed favorably:

1. interest in international trade, business and/or investment demonstrated through course selection(s) and/or participation in special research projects, organizations or events; and/or
2. enrollment in Japanese studies and/or language (Japanese or other) studies; and/or
3. evidence of community volunteer activities and leadership.

All programs and activities of the CUNY COPE program are open to all COPE- eligible students, without regard to race, gender, national origin or other characteristic. Students who are participants of other CUNY programs (including but not limited to SEEK, College Discovery, Black Male Initiative, ASAP, etc.) are encouraged to apply. Applications from prior recipients of the COPE Mitsui Scholarship will not be considered.

Applications will be accepted until June 17, 2011.

The ***COPE/Mitsui USA Full Tuition Scholarship*** award for AY 2012 will be \$4,000, which **must** be applied towards tuition at and paid directly to a CUNY College. Any remainder will be provided as a voucher for books and other college-related expenses. Please note that the scholarship will be applied in equal amounts over two semesters of study, including Fall 2011 ***and either*** Spring 2012 or Summer 2012. **Three (3) scholarships will be awarded.** Additionally, two (2) runners-up will each receive one (1) 30-day Metro Card **and** one (1) \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card.

For assistance with completing the application, applicants are **strongly** encouraged to contact the Director of the COPE program that works with students at their college as follows:

- Borough of Manhattan Community College: (212) 346-8481
- Bronx Community College or Lehman College: (718) 289-5861
- College of Staten Island: (718) 982-2398
- Hostos Community College or The City College: (718) 518-4363
- John Jay College or Hunter College: (212) 237-8017
- Kingsborough Community College or Brooklyn College: (718) 368-4660
- LaGuardia Community College or York College: (718) 482-5479
- Medgar Evers College: (718) 270-6480
- New York City College of Technology or Baruch College: (718) 260-5187
- Queensborough Community College: (718) 281-5174

Applicants must submit an essay that discusses the obstacles they have experienced and overcome in pursuing their college education, analyzes the reasoning behind their choice of major, and explains how their future goals will benefit society. Essays must be typewritten, double-spaced, and no less than three (3) or more than eight (8) pages. All required attachments, including the mandatory cover page must be attached.

Students awarded the COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarship are encouraged to attend CUNY COPE-sponsored workshops, events and programs that are designed to support retention, graduation, and family- and self-sufficiency. Recipients of the COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarship must agree to provide a progress report each semester through graduation to the University COPE Coordinator, and to advise the program of employment or continued education for at least one year after graduation or interruption of schooling.

In order to apply for the COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarship in Academic Year 2012, you must hand deliver or e-mail ***completed application by June 17, 2011***, to:

Maxine Henry
University COPE Coordinator
101 West 31 Street
New York, NY 10001
E-mail: Maxine.Henry@mail.cuny.edu
Phone: 646-344-7347
Website: <http://www.cuny.edu/cope>

Student Application - Background Information

Applicants for the COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarship are required to submit the materials discussed in the following four (4) items:

1. **College Transcript:** Please submit a photocopy of your most recent college transcript(s). Please note that if you submit an unofficial copy of your transcript, an official copy will be required if you are selected as a scholarship awardee or runner-up.

2. **Financial Aid Eligibility:** As proof of financial aid eligibility, please submit an award letter from your college for the 2011-2012 academic year. If you do not receive financial aid, please explain how you are financing your undergraduate education. Please provide an explanation on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application.

Please note: **The COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarship will be applied to full-time or part-time tuition for Fall 2011 and either Spring 2012 or Summer 2012.** If you have already secured scholarships and/or financial assistance from other sources, please state how the COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarship award will be applied.

3. **References:** The **COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarship** requires applicants to submit the names and contact information (telephone numbers and e-mail addresses) of individuals who know you well and who can speak about your academic potential and personal attributes. At least one reference is required, but you are allowed to list up to three total. At least one of the individuals listed on your reference sheet must be a college professor who has taught you in the last two years. If you are or have been a participant in a CUNY COPE program, please list a CUNY COPE administrator or staff person as one of your references. Applicants are strongly encouraged to also submit written references, if available.

4. **Essay:** The **COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarship** Selection Committee is interested in identifying candidates who are preparing for careers that will enable them to contribute to society. The essay will weigh very heavily in the selection process. The entire essay must not exceed eight (8) pages plus attachments, and **must** address all of the following items:

A. **Personal Statement:** Describe yourself (who you are and who/what you aspire to be) and explain why you are a strong candidate for the COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarship.

B. **Personal Challenges:** The goal of the COPE program is to help remove barriers and challenges to a student's success, whether they are academic or personal. Please describe barriers or challenges that have interfered with your ability to pursue your academic and professional goals. Discuss how you were able to overcome any such barriers, which barriers remain, and how you will address them. **Note: The barriers you indicate should not be limited to financial constraints.**

C. **Time Management:** Please explain how you balance your coursework with other obligations, e.g. employment, parenting responsibilities, HRA work requirements, extracurricular activities, etc.

D. **Future Plans:** Please discuss your future educational plans and how your education will be used to help you make a contribution to society.

Student Application - Personal Information

Name (first, middle, last) _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers:

Home _____ Cell _____

Date of Birth (month, day, year): _____ Gender (optional): Female Male

Race/Ethnicity (optional): _____

Are you the parent of a minor child (under 18 years of age)? Yes No

Are you currently receiving public assistance cash assistance (i.e. Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) from the City of New York Human Resources Administration (HRA)?

Yes No

If not, have you ever received such assistance while attending a CUNY college? Yes No

How did you learn about the *COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarship*?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CUNY COPE Project Director or Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> CUNY COPE staff person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty member at a CUNY college | <input type="checkbox"/> On-campus session/workshop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classmate | <input type="checkbox"/> CUNY COPE Symposium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CUNY COPE website | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

College Attendance

Are you currently enrolled in a CUNY college? Yes No

In AY 2011-2012, what will be your enrollment status? Full-time student Part-time student

How many credits do you plan to complete in AY 2011-2012? _____

Name of college that you will be attending in AY 2011-2012? _____

What will be your major? _____

Since you first enrolled in college, have there been any disruptions in your college attendance?

Yes No

If yes, please explain any disruption in your college attendance record:

Do you plan to earn: a Bachelor's degree? Yes No a Master's degree? Yes No

Extracurricular Activities (Optional)

List all extracurricular activities that you have participated in while in college. Please include any activities on and off campus, names of organizations, the duration of your participation and any positions held. (Please use additional sheets of paper if more space is needed.)

Activity/Organization
Name _____

Positions Held _____

From _____ / _____ To _____ / _____

Activity/Organization
Name _____

Positions Held _____

From _____ / _____ To _____ / _____

Participation in CUNY COPE and/or other College Support Programs

Were you an active participant in a CUNY COPE program within the last 2 years? Yes No

Have you ever attended any events sponsored by CUNY COPE? Yes No

If so, please briefly discuss the COPE activities or events you participated in:

Please indicate any other CUNY support programs you have participated in:

SEEK College Discovery ASAP Black Male Initiative College Now CUNY GED

CUNY Prep POISED for Success Honors College Teacher Academy

The College Initiative Other (please explain) _____

Employment

If you are presently employed while attending college, please indicate the number of hours worked per week: _____

Please attach a resume to this application.

Waiver and Signature

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record.

By signing this application, you indicate that you are willing to allow non-CUNY personnel at the Mitsui USA Foundation to review the information that you submit as part of this application. In particular, by signing this waiver, you agree that CUNY COPE can share your application materials and, if you are awarded the scholarship, information about your academic progress and career outcomes for up to 2 years after you complete your degree or interrupt your education.

Further, by signing this application, you agree to provide written progress reports at least once per semester to the University COPE Coordinator for at least one year after graduation or interruption of college studies if selected to receive this scholarship.

Finally, your signature below indicates that the information that you have submitted is true to the best of your knowledge, and that you understand that the contents of this application are subject to verification and, if found untrue, will result in your forfeiting and/or repayment of the COPE/Mitsui USA Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND ATTACHED TO ALL APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant:

Name of College for AY 2011-2012:

Name of COPE Administrator/Sponsor:

Title of COPE Administrator/Sponsor:

Contents (Please check):

- Completed Application
- Transcripts
- 1-3 references
- Resume
- Essay
- Waiver and Signature form

Completed applications must be hand-delivered or e-mailed by June 17, 2011, to:

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University COPE Coordinator
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New York, NY 10001
E-mail: Maxine.Henry@mail.cuny.edu
Phone: 646-344-7347
Website: <http://www.cuny.edu/cope>

To be fair to all who apply, applications that are late or are incomplete or do not include this cover page will be deemed nonresponsive and will not be considered. Winners will be notified by August 15, 2011. Good luck!