

NASP-ERT Minority Scholarship Program

Ethnic Definitions and Eligibility

Ethnic Definitions

The MSP is an ethnic minority scholarship program. While there is no federal statute specifically regulating the use of racial, ethnic, or similar criteria under scholarship programs administered by private organizations, NASP has looked to the Federal Government and their definitions of minority as our guideline since the inception of our program in 1995.

Our categories follow the definitions and naming conventions of minority found in the Federal Acquisition Regulations 48 CFR 52.222-27 (<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov>). To date, the Federal Government has not changed its definition of minority.

The four eligible ethnic categories of our application are:

- **American Indian or Alaskan Native**
All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and maintaining identifiable tribal affiliations through membership and participation or community identification.
- **Asian and Pacific Islander**
All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.
- **Black**
All persons having origins in any of the black African racial groups not of Hispanic origin.
- **Hispanic**
All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Eligibility

To be considered for this scholarship, the candidate must:

- Be a full-time or part-time minority student
- Be a United States citizen
- Be enrolled in or accepted for enrollment in a school psychology program that is **NASP-approved** (<http://www.nasponline.org/certification/NASPapproved.aspx>) and/or located in an institution that is accredited by the appropriate institutional regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, with the aim of becoming a practicing School Psychologist
- Be in good academic standing
- Have a minimum cumulative overall GPA of 3.0
- Be a NASP member (<http://www.nasponline.org/membership/index.aspx>)

Students enrolled in doctoral programs will not be considered for this scholarship award. Only those students enrolled in specialist level (or equivalent) school psychology training programs will be considered.