Dear Multicultural Scholar:

The Multicultural Scholars Program at KU is a special and unique opportunity for all students who are either newly admitted or returning students. It is very important to understand that successful completion of your academic program is meant to be a collaborative effort among you, your Program Director(s) and with the MSP at KU.

This acceptance of agreement serves several purposes. First, it is an acknowledgement and a signed agreement that you will adhere to the guidelines and high expectations that your specific MSP has established. Second, that it acknowledges that you clearly understand that the academic component is only a part of the overall emphasis of the program to your success. There is a social and professional leadership emphasis which is also integral to your personal growth. Third, you will be expected to demonstrate what it means to be a role model and leader in your professional field of study. You are expected to conduct yourself with the utmost respect for others as a member of the KU-MSP. In essence, you have a role and responsibility to make every effort to fulfill your obligation to be the best student possible.

However, equally important to me is that you know the administration, faculty and staff of the Multicultural Scholars Program at KU stand steadfast in their commitment and support to ensure that you will be provided every opportunity to succeed in my chosen program of study.

On behalf of the University, the Program Directors, donors and friends of MSP, we wish you the very best. We look forward to working with you. You have our very best wishes for a successful semester.
Please read the following carefully and return as soon as possible one signed and dated copy to your Program Director at: ____________________.

The KU School of Nursing and Allied Health MSP Program

The Multicultural Scholars Program in the ________________ is a comprehensive program of mentoring and social activities that requires my participation and involvement. In order to be eligible for a scholarship and to remain in good standing, I agree to follow the guidelines, as described below:

1. Full class attendance. If I need to miss a class, I will call or email my professor before the class meets, if possible, or as soon as possible thereafter.

2. I will attend all required group meetings. My scholarship may partially depend upon my attendance at these meetings. Excused absences will be permitted only under highly unusual circumstances, i.e., illness or an unforeseen occurrence. Work schedules are not an acceptable excuse for absences. If working I am expected to change my schedule as soon as I receive the dates for the required meetings*. While important my other class commitments, studying or exams that are scheduled for the next day is not an excused absence. (*Program Director will let everyone know the dates and times of meetings well in advance so students can plan accordingly and eliminate potential conflicts). The sanction is $25 per unexcused absence.

3. I will be on-time and prepared for my individual meetings with my Program Director(s). (This may include providing the director with my completed academic forms, course-related materials such as syllabi, recent exams, projects and papers).

4. I will establish a KU registered email account and frequently check for any MSP related information and messages. E-mail is the agreement medium for MSP and frequent communication is to be expected between the overall KU- MSP to all students; as well as between my Program Director(s) and my peers in my specific MSP.

5. I will be honest and forthright about my academic progress and standing. I understand this information will remain confidential between me and the Program Director(s). The MSP Program Director(s) have my permission to contact my instructors regarding academic performance issues that may arise. I also agree that I will discuss with the Program Director(s) and obtain his/her signature before making any changes to my current enrollment, including class additions/or drops.

6. I am expected to obtain a minimum GPA of 3.00 per semester. Failure to maintain a 3.00 GPA will result in my being placed on academic probation for the following semester and perhaps not receive/or have my scholarship reduced – which will be at the discretion of my Program Director(s).

7. If I receive tutoring through MSP, I will attend, be on time, and be prepared for each scheduled session(s).

8. Upon receipt of my scholarship, I will write a thoughtful and professional thank-you letter to the donor(s). I will also provide a copy of this letter to my Program Director(s). (Scholars will be notified who the donor(s) of their specific scholarship and their contact information).
9. I will participate in all data collection conducted by KU-MSP. This may include but not limited to: on-line surveys, written surveys, phone interviews, small groups. (I also understand that all information is to benefit the future of KU-MSP and my specific data will never be used other than in a general terms/or data).

10. I will participate in an exit interview with the Program Director(s) prior to completion of my tenure with the program.

Scholarship Amount
for
2009-2010

$ 500 per semester (or $1000 per academic year)

I agree to follow these guidelines established by my program.

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Name (Please print)

___________________________________                Date ______________________
Signature