



## 2011-2012 GMS Renewal Packet

**Priority Deadline: Friday, July 22, 2011**

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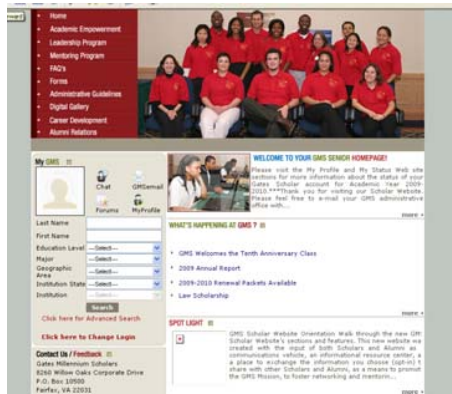
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 **Web-based Resources for 2011-2012 GMS Renewal Process:**  
**Scholar Website (www.gmsp.org) ♦ Scholar Connection (www.gmsconnection.org)**

The Scholar Website and Scholar Connection are important resources for Gates Millennium Scholars.

**SCHOLAR WEBSITE**



**SCHOLAR CONNECTION**



**SCHOLAR WEBSITE (www.gmsp.org):**

**UPDATE!**



In addition to Internet Explorer, other web browsers such as **Firefox, Chrome and Safari** will allow full access to your GMS profile information when visiting the Scholar Website.

You have the ability to change your Scholar Website login information if you have not done so already. Log on to [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) with the username and password provided to you by the Gates Millennium Scholars Program and follow the screen prompts to change your login information.

! *Please do not share your Scholar Website **username and password** with anyone else.*

Click on:

- ✓ **My Profile** to update your contact information. GMS will send all correspondence to your preferred mailing address. **IMPORTANT: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY GMS OF CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION.**
- ✓ **My Status** to find out if GMS received the documents you sent AND to check the amount and status of your GMS award.
- ✓ **My Documents** to submit documents to GMS electronically.

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| <b>My Profile</b>              |
| <b>My Status</b>               |
| <b>My GMS Circle</b>           |
| <b>My Career Opportunities</b> |
| <b>My Documents</b>            |
| <b>Private Messages</b>        |

**SCHOLAR CONNECTION (www.gmsconnection.org):**

- Scholar Connection is the GMS community's very own social networking site.
- Use Scholar Connection to network with fellow Gates Scholars.

Here is an overview of what Scholar Connection has to offer:

- ✓ Create Your Profile
- ✓ Upload Pictures
- ✓ Access Feature Articles
- ✓ Download GMS Forms
- ✓ Participate in Discussions
- ✓ Create Lasting Friendships

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## Things You Need To Know About Renewal

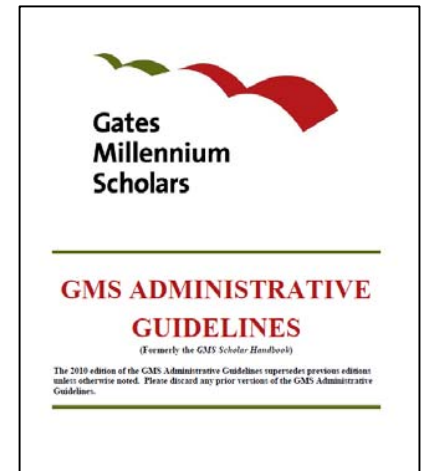
### Before you renew your scholarship, consider the following:

- ! The priority deadline for submission of all required renewal documents to the appropriate Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Administrative Office is **FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011**. Failure to meet this deadline will delay GMS funding.
- ! Scholars who choose to attend institutions that do not participate in **federal financial aid programs** are not eligible for GMS funding.

To be eligible for GMS funding, Scholars must file the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** each academic year and be deemed eligible to receive federal financial aid by their institutions' Financial Aid Offices. All Scholars are urged to file their FAFSA by their institution's priority deadline. Please visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for more information.

- ! **Read the *GMS Administrative Guidelines***, located on the Scholar Website at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) and Scholar Connection at [www.gmsconnection.org](http://www.gmsconnection.org), to learn more about the requirements of the scholarship.

Helpful information you will need as a Gates Millennium Scholar is outlined in the guidelines, including information on GMS funding limits, the GMS award allocation process, the annual Renewal process and funding options available to you as a Gates Scholar.



- ! The **GMS e-mail** icon on the homepage of the Scholar Website provides access to your GMS e-mail account ([gatesscholars.org](mailto:gatesscholars.org)).
- ! **You may use your GMS e-mail to exchange messages with the GMS staff and other Gates Millennium Scholars at their GMS e-mail addresses until September 30, 2011. Effective October 1, 2011 your GMS e-mail account ([gatesscholars.org](mailto:gatesscholars.org)) will be deactivated. Future correspondence will be sent to your personal e-mail address that you have on file with GMS.**
- ! **NOTE:** Your GMS e-mail ([gatesscholars.org](mailto:gatesscholars.org)) will only send or receive messages from other GMS and GMS Administrative Office e-mail addresses (e.g., [gms@aigcs.org](mailto:gms@aigcs.org), [gms@apiasf.org](mailto:gms@apiasf.org), [gmsinfo@hsf.net](mailto:gmsinfo@hsf.net)). Do not send e-mails from your GMS account to external accounts like Gmail, Hotmail, your school e-mail or other non-GMS accounts.

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## GMS Graduate Funding Guidelines

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### Special information for current and prospective graduate Scholars

- **Capped Awards** - Any Scholar entering an eligible GMS funded master's or doctoral graduate program (including teacher certificate and Ed.S. programs), will be considered for a graduate fellowship award. The capped graduate fellowships for Academic Year 2011-2012 are not to exceed **\$36,122** for private institutions and **\$24,892** for public institutions.
- **Graduate Program of Study Eligibility** - To be eligible for GMS funding consideration, graduate Scholars must be degree-seeking students in one of seven GMS-funded disciplines: computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and science.
  - *GMS Graduate fellowships will **NOT** be awarded in the following graduate areas of study: business, humanities, medicine, law, social sciences and theology.*
  - **Graduate Program Inquiry** – Since January 2010, all Gates Millennium Scholars entering graduate school in one of the seven funded areas of graduate study (listed above) are required to submit a Graduate Program Inquiry with supporting documentation before starting their desired degree program.



If you have **not** already received prior GMS approval regarding the eligibility of your graduate program for funding consideration, submit the Graduate Program Inquiry Form (GPIF) and supporting documentation **immediately!** The GPIF is currently available for download from the *Forms* section of the Scholar Website ([www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)) and is also posted on the Scholar Connection's homepage ([www.gmsconnection.org](http://www.gmsconnection.org)).

- **Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.)** - GMS will consider funding for an Ed.S., which GMS counts toward the maximum 10 academic years of funding allowed.
- **Teacher Certificate Programs** - GMS will consider funding for Teacher Certificate Programs for a maximum of one academic year. GMS counts Teacher Certificate funding toward the maximum 10 academic years of funding allowed.
- **Summer Funding for Graduate Scholars**- Graduate Scholars must meet **ALL** of the following criteria in order to be considered for summer funding:
  1. Active GMS status during the preceding academic year (2011-2012)
    - ♦ **EXCEPTION:** If a Scholar is returning from deferment and must take required courses during the summer (i.e., the degree related courses are not offered during any term of the Scholar's remaining eligibility) he/she must submit supporting documentation that explicitly details the availability of the courses. Additionally, the Scholar must submit a written statement that acknowledges the fact that there will be a reduction of his/her GMS award during the subsequent academic year.
  2. The GMS capped amount was not depleted during the preceding academic year. The capped graduate fellowship allowance will serve as the maximum allowance for an entire twelve-month period. Graduate Scholars who exhaust the maximum capped amount during the academic year or preceding term of enrollment will not be eligible for summer funding.
  3. Summer courses are in the same degree program that was pursued in the preceding academic year (i.e., Scholar is not enrolling into a new program).

**IMPORTANT:** Unused GMS funding does not carry over to future years.

Submit your 2011-2012 renewal documents to GMS by Friday, July 22, 2011. See page 1 of the renewal packet for GMS contact information.

## Renewal Document Requirements

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### **FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011 - SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL PRIORITY DEADLINE**

**All required renewal documents must be submitted to the appropriate GMS Administrative Office by the deadline. Failure to meet this deadline will delay GMS funding.**

**Use this page as a checklist for documents that must be submitted.**

- GMS Renewal Form** - The 2011-2012 GMS Renewal Form can be found on page 7 of this renewal packet.
- Transcript** - You must submit your 2010-2011 Academic Transcript. Please be sure that your spring 2011 grades appear on your transcript. If you were on GMS Deferment during the 2010-2011 academic year, submit your transcript that includes grades earned during the last academic term you received GMS funding.
- Financial Aid Award Letter** - To obtain your 2011-2012 financial aid award letter, contact your institution's financial aid office.
- GMS Information Sheet** - The 2011-2012 GMS Information Sheet can be found on pages 8-9 of this renewal packet. Part I must be completed by the Gates Scholar and Part II must be completed by a financial aid office representative.

**If entering a new institution or program, you must also submit:**

- Admissions Letter** - *Only undergraduate Scholars* who are transferring to another institution must submit an academic year 2011-2012 Admissions Letter to GMS.

**OR**

- Program Acceptance Letter** - *Only graduate Scholars* who are transitioning into a graduate degree program or transferring between institutions/programs **AND** have already received prior graduate program approval from their GMS Administrative Office, but have not previously provided the graduate program acceptance letter must submit this document.

**IF HOWEVER**, you would like to take time off **OR** choose to either enter the workforce or pursue a graduate program in an area of study that is not eligible for GMS funding, you should submit one of the following completed forms and the supporting documentation to your GMS Administrative Office:

1. **Deferment Request Form** – download the GMS Deferment Packet from the Scholar Website ([www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)) or Scholar Connection ([www.gmsconnection.org](http://www.gmsconnection.org)).
2. **NOF - NO longer Funded Status Form** (Formerly known as the Alumni Status Form) – download the NOF – NO longer Funded Status Form and include your final academic transcript.

*Submit your 2011-2012 renewal documents to GMS by Friday, July 22, 2011. See page 1 of the renewal packet for GMS contact information.*





2011-2012 GMS RENEWAL FORM

Please type or legibly print your responses in blue or black ink for the following:

PERSONAL INFORMATION: GMS ID (5 digits): Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number:

First Name Middle Name Last Name (include former last name, if applicable)

CONTACT INFORMATION: My information is the same as in 2010-2011 My information has changed. Updates are provided below:

Street Address Apt City State Zip

Preferred Phone - is this a cell phone number? Yes No Personal E-mail Address

Is there a secondary phone number? Yes No If yes, please provide: ( )

LAST SCHOOL YEAR (2010-2011 INFORMATION):

- 1. Were you on GMS Deferment during 2010-2011?
1a. If you were on GMS Deferment in 2010-2011, were you enrolled at an institution?
1b. If you were on GMS Deferment in 2010-2011 AND also enrolled at an institution, indicate in number 2 the College/University you attended.
2. College/University attended in 2010-2011: State:
3. Specify your degree program(s) during 2010-2011:
4. Did you graduate during the 2010-2011 academic year? If you answered "Yes," specify the degree obtained:

THIS SCHOOL YEAR (2011-2012 INFORMATION):

2011-2012 Enrollment Plans: Full-time Part-time Projected Graduation Date:
College/University: State:
Specify Your 2011-2012 Degree Program(s): Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral Teacher Cert. Ed. Specialist
Major/ Program of Study:
Education Status: (Please see the GMS funding term limit guidelines)
Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior 5th Year Undergraduate
Master's Doctoral Education Specialist Teacher Certificate

GRADUATE SCHOLARS - If applicable, list the dollar amount of your:

Graduate Assistantships Fellowships Stipends Scholarships (excluding GMS) Grants

SIGNATURE AND AUTHORIZATION: YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED. Without it, your renewal request cannot be processed.

I hereby certify that the information provided on this 2011-2012 Gates Millennium Scholars Renewal Form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could jeopardize consideration of my renewal. If I am eligible to receive a 2011-2012 GMS award, I understand that the check will be mailed to my institution for disbursement consistent with GMS guidelines and institutional policy. I authorize the institution(s) I attend(ed) to release and/or disclose to representatives of the Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) program all required and any requested information. This may include, but is not limited to, copies of or information from my official educational records, my enrollment status and history, letters of recommendation, financial aid information, and disciplinary records. In addition, I authorize GMS to release my name in connection with any public announcement of Gates Scholars, with associated research and with the administration and promotion of the scholarship program.

Signature: Date: / /



# 2011-2012 GMS INFORMATION SHEET

Scholars, please complete and sign Part 1 of this form. Ask your Financial Aid Office to complete Part 2, and submit it with your financial aid award letter by the priority deadline:

**FRESHMEN BY JUNE 20 • RENEWAL SCHOLARS BY JULY 22**

## **PART 1:** (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOLAR) PLEASE COMPLETE PART 1 OF THIS FORM AND FORWARD TO YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

GMS ID \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 Digits of Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

- GMS/American Indian Graduate Center Scholars Fax: 505-884-8683
- GMS/Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund Fax: 202-530-0643
- GMS/Hispanic Scholarship Fund Fax: 415-808-2411
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I understand that:

- I am responsible for ensuring that my financial aid office returns this completed form directly to GMS.
- I am responsible for notifying my GMS Administrative Office of any changes to my financial aid package.
- If I am eligible to receive a 2011-2012 GMS award, the award check or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) will be sent to my institution for disbursement consistent with GMS guidelines and institutional policy.
- If I am over-awarded during the 2011-2012 scholarship award period, I understand that my institution has been advised to refund the unused portion to my GMS Administrative Office.
- I understand that I am not eligible for GMS funding if I drop below full time or discontinue matriculation.

I authorize my current institution to share all required and requested information with the Gates Millennium Scholars Program.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART 2:** (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE) PLEASE COMPLETE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012. RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO GMS IMMEDIATELY. IN ADDITION, PLEASE SEND THE **MOST RECENT FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTER.**

### 2011-2012 EDUCATION LEVEL

Please check (✓) the appropriate box to indicate Scholar's education level.  Undergraduate student  Graduate student

### STATUS OF 2011-2012 FAFSA AND THE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE

1. Has this student filed a 2011-2012 FAFSA?  Y  N

2. Is this student eligible for federal financial aid? (If so, must be reflected on a 2011-2012 Financial Aid Award Letter)  Y  N

3. Does this student have a 2011-2012 financial aid package? (If so, it must be reflected on a 2011-2012 Financial Aid Award Letter)  Y  N

**ATTENTION:** If you checked "N" or you are unable to respond to items 2 or 3 above, please tell us whether this student's file is undergoing verification.  Y  N

If so, is the FAFSA verification complete?  Y  N

If FAFSA verification has not been completed, what is the estimated date of completion? \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

4. Is this student meeting **Satisfactory Academic Progress/SAP** requirements?  Y  N

If no, provide brief explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

If you checked "no" to items 1, 2, 3 or 4 above, the Scholar is not eligible for GMS funding consideration. **Ask the Scholar to contact GMS at 1-877-690-GMSP (4677) immediately!**

— Financial Aid Counselor, proceed to the next page —



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GMS ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**2011-2012 COST OF ATTENDANCE**

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT INCLUDE EXPENSES FOR THE SUMMER TERM ON THIS WORKSHEET. PROVIDE A DOLLAR VALUE FOR EACH LINE ITEM EVEN IF IT IS ZERO (0).**

Please include the following items in this Gates Scholar's Cost of Attendance (COA). COA must be made in accordance with federal regulations, and must be consistent with the cost of attendance for your institution's entire student body. Based upon federal regulations and institutional policies, please adjust for items such as childcare, approved study abroad, learning disabilities, research, etc., if necessary.

Place a ✓ in the box to indicate the term(s) included in the reported COA:       Fall                       Winter                       Spring

- Tuition and fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Housing and meals (on or off campus) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Allowance for books and supplies \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Computer-related expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Allowance for personal expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Allowance for transportation \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (description required) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: GMS will not provide funding for computer-related expenses (e.g., notebooks, desktops, handhelds, hardware, software, printers). Computer-related expenses will be subtracted from the Scholar's reported COA prior to award determination.**

**TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION: GMS FUNDS WILL BE DISBURSED IN EQUAL AMOUNTS. IF THE SCHOLAR WILL NOT ATTEND THIS INSTITUTION FOR THE FULL ACADEMIC YEAR, PLEASE PROVIDE THE PRORATED COA AND FC.**

**2011-2012 FAMILY CONTRIBUTION - Please report the family contribution (FC).**

If applicable, please report both the federal methodology (FM) and institutional methodology (IM) FC. The reported FC should include Veteran's non-education benefits and state education benefits that are not in the financial aid package.

**FEDERAL FC** \$ \_\_\_\_\_      **INSTITUTIONAL FC** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please write N/A if your institution does not calculate an IM FC)

- If an IM FC has been calculated, will your institution allow outside aid to cover the difference between the federal and institutional FC amounts without displacing institutional aid?       Yes       No
- If an IM FC has been calculated does an expected Student Contribution represent a portion of the FC?       Yes       No  
If so, please provide the amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DETERMINING THE 2011-2012 GMS AWARD AMOUNT**

GMS is a last-dollar award; it replaces a Gates Scholar's unmet need. The GMS award must be applied to the Gates Scholar's educational expenses for the cost of tuition, fees, housing, meals, books, supplies, transportation and personal expenses that are allowable in accordance with federal regulations. **GMS awards do not replace Federal family contribution (FM FC) or any portion of an educational loan (PLUS, unsubsidized loan, health professional loan, state loan, institutional loan private loan or work study) that covers a Scholar's FM FC.** If the Scholar drops below full time, discontinues matriculation, or is over-awarded during the scholarship award period, the institution should refund the unused portion to the Scholar's assigned GMS Administrative Office.

Did you estimate the GMS award as part of the Scholar's 2011-2012 financial aid award package?       Yes       No

If so, what is the estimated amount?      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please circle amount on the financial aid award letter).

**Name of Financial Aid Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Direct Telephone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

As a financial aid counselor, I understand that this Gates Scholar's cost of attendance must be made in accordance with federal regulations, and must be consistent with the cost of attendance for my institution's entire student body. I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

See Part 1 of this form for deadline dates and fax numbers or call 1-877-690-GMSP (4677).

## Frequently Asked Questions

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1. **If I am unable to submit all of my Renewal documents by the July 22<sup>nd</sup> priority deadline, when will GMS mail my check for the fall term?**

GMS sends awards directly to each Scholar's institution on a rolling basis beginning in July. If you do not submit all of the required documents by the priority deadline (i.e., July 22, 2011), determination of your GMS award may be delayed. You can visit the Scholar Website to view the status of your award check or call 1-877-690-GMSP (4677).

2. **Do I need to be eligible for the Pell Grant to renew my Gates Millennium Scholars scholarship/awards?**

No, Pell Grant eligibility is not a requirement for renewal. However, you must file the FASFA annually. Please do so before your institution's priority deadline or at the earliest possible date.

3. **What is the minimum GPA requirement to maintain the GMS award?**

To be eligible for GMS funding, you must meet your institution's "satisfactory academic progress" (SAP) standards. Additionally, you must be eligible for federal financial aid as determined by your financial aid office. Your financial aid office will be able to provide you with more information regarding SAP and eligibility for federal financial aid.

4. **Should I decline loans that are offered to me?**

The GMS Staff cannot advise you on whether or not to decline the educational loans offered on your financial aid award letter. Please contact your financial aid counselor to discuss the matter. In the meantime, submit the financial aid award letter that you have. Scholars are not penalized for having educational loans on their award letters.

5. **My financial aid office told me to take out a loan to cover my family contribution (FC). Will GMS cover all of my loans?**

GMS awards do not replace Federal Family Contribution (FM FC) or any portion of an educational loan (e.g., PLUS, unsubsidized loan, health professional loan, state loan, institutional loan, private loan) that covers a Scholar's FM FC.

6. **Will GMS cover my off-campus housing?**

The GMS award is based on the information listed on your financial aid award letter and the GMS Information Sheet. Contact your financial aid counselor to discuss your educational expenses (including housing) and your cost of attendance.

7. **I am planning to study abroad. Will GMS cover this expense?**

GMS funds are available for study abroad and exchange programs that are sponsored by a Scholar's college or university during the fall, winter and/or spring terms and only when the study abroad expenses are incorporated into your financial aid award letter and cost of attendance. You must be eligible to receive federal financial aid through your **home** college or university during the term(s) that you study abroad. GMS does not fund independent study abroad programs or summer study abroad programs.

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