



Department of Neurosurgery

Keith L. Black, MD, Chair of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Department of Neurosurgery is proud to announce the availability of the **2010 Pauletta and Denzel Washington Family Gifted Scholars in Neuroscience Award** for undergraduate, graduate and medical students. The primary purpose of this award is to mentor and encourage young, potential scientists and physicians to enter the field of neurological research. The Washington Family is passionate about the importance of supporting the dreams of young adults as they further their education in the field of science. The Department of Neurosurgery is committed to providing educational programs to students, patients and their families, and healthcare providers. The Pauletta and Denzel Washington Family Gifted Scholars Award further demonstrates their strong commitment to support the development of future neuroscientists.

The recipients of this award will be selected on the basis of their qualifications and interest in research, prior scientific work, letters of reference and the Selection Committee's overall evaluation. The Selection Committee comprises prominent physicians and researchers throughout the country. Applicants must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Applicants that have not yet committed to a major in science or have applied to this scholarship in the past are also welcome to apply.

Each year that this award is presented, one undergraduate student will receive a \$2,000 monthly stipend and one graduate or medical student will receive a \$2,500 monthly stipend for a three-month period of time that they conduct research in a laboratory directed by Dr. Black at Cedars-Sinai. Awardees will continue to be mentored by Dr. Black after they complete their research.

At the end of the summer, each awardee will be expected to submit an abstract or scientific paper to a national neuroscience, cancer or neurosurgery organization. If the paper is accepted for presentation at a professional meeting, the scholarship program will provide additional support to enable the student to attend and participate.

For further information regarding the award program, please contact:

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**The deadline for receipt of applications is January 8, 2010.
To download the application or for more information, go to
www.cedars-sinai.edu/mdnsi.**

Available Areas of Research

- Blood-Brain Barrier and Drug Delivery into the CNS
- Tumor Immunology and Cancer Vaccine
- Gene Therapy
- Gene Discovery
- Advanced Surgical Technology
- Stem Cells

