

## **McGuire Scholars**

### ***Fact Sheet for Prospective Participants***

#### **What is McGuire Scholars?**

McGuire Scholars is a program to help Loyola employees, who do not already have an undergraduate degree, prepare for admission to Loyola University Maryland and become successful Loyola students. The program is named for Father Daniel McGuire, S.J. who provided financial assistance and other support to Loyola students to enable them to remain at Loyola when it would have been impossible otherwise.

McGuire Scholars demonstrates the Jesuit values of *cura personalis* (by supporting employees in exploring their callings and achieving their personal goals), *magis* (by providing employees with healthy challenges and the means of expanding their knowledge) and *social justice* (by facilitating access to the benefit of a Loyola University Maryland education for all employees, regardless of their background).

#### **What services does McGuire Scholars provide to participants?**

McGuire Scholars will receive:

- Tools to help clarify personal and career goals and determine whether a college degree can be an asset in achieving them
- Counseling on choosing an education program that best meets individual needs
- Knowledge and skills to help them navigate the Loyola undergraduate admissions process
- Classroom instruction to sharpen reading, writing and math skills necessary for college admission and student success
- Classroom training to enhance time management, study and test taking skills essential for student success
- Mentoring and counseling designed especially for the employed adult student – during both the pre- and post-admission phases of McGuire Scholars

#### **What are the benefits of becoming a McGuire Scholar?**

- McGuire Scholars will have the opportunity to make full use of Loyola's tuition remission benefit
- McGuire Scholars experience the intellectual stimulation, enrichment and enjoyment that come from life-long learning
- Knowledge and skills from McGuire Scholars and subsequent university courses can enhance participants' success in their current careers or inspire them to explore new career possibilities
- McGuire Scholars can gain a sense of personal accomplishment
- Adults continuing their education are role models for their children and other youth

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**Who is a candidate for McGuire Scholars?**

Loyola employees who will be eligible for tuition remission by the spring 2020 semester who:

- Have at least a high school diploma or GED that demonstrates competencies and/or coursework in appropriate subjects
- Have supervisor support to participate in McGuire Scholars classes during the work day
- Would like to take advantage of Loyola's tuition remission benefit but need to review basic skills in order to meet the University's rigorous admission requirements
- Have concerns that college courses would be too difficult, or that as adult learners they may require additional support prior to taking university courses

**Where can I get more information about McGuire Scholars?**

- Contact Dr. Elissa Derrickson, Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies at x5547 or Tiffany Parker, Sr. Human Resources Partner on x1372.