

DU Puksta Scholars Program Interview Preparation

Helpful Notes:

- You should consider this less of a formal interview, and more of an opportunity for us to get to know you. You may dress nicely, but it is not necessary to dress in a suit or other formal attire, unless that makes you most comfortable. It is more important to us that you are comfortable as your authentic self, and able to talk freely about yourself.
- Please also feel comfortable bringing family or others with you who may want to meet us and see where we and our office lives here at DU. We enjoy meeting your family and loved ones, as they no doubt supported you in getting this far!
- Please be aware and prepared for us to take a photo of you when you attend the interview. We tell you this in advance to avoid any nervousness on your part. The photograph is for our reference as we review finalists, and helps us better remember you as we are able to connect your face to your name, application, and interview.
- Who will interview you? Puksta Scholars Program Director Kathleen Ferrick will interview you along with one or two current Puksta Scholars. We hope you take this opportunity to ask questions of a current scholar about the Puksta Program and life at DU.

Preparation Questions for Reflection:

In preparation for our talk, please reflect on the following questions. Please note that you most likely will be asked additional questions that are not listed below.

- Please reflect on why you want to be a part of the Puksta Scholars Program:
 - What would you gain from being a part of this community?
 - What do you think you could contribute?
- What is at stake regarding your justice issue? Why does it matter to you, your community, this country, the world?
- Consider the commitments, activities, and responsibilities you value, and explain what you believe are your top priorities as you enter college. How and why did you choose these priorities? What decisions can you imagine having to make, when your priorities conflict, and how would you make them? Or, give an example of a time your priorities conflicted and you had to make a choice. What did you choose and why? How did you handle the situation?

Please let the DU Puksta Scholars Program Director know if you need further clarification regarding these questions at kathleen.ferrick@du.edu