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2017-18 Terry Foundation Scholarship Program Application

Fill out each section of the application form completely, taking care to respond to each question in the space provided. All applications must be TYPED.

I CERTIFY the information I am providing is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If my application is accepted, I agree to abide by the policies, rules, and regulations of the Terry Foundation. I understand that The University of Texas at Arlington is solely a nominating body. The University reviews applications received to nominate students for the Terry Foundation to interview. I authorize the University to share my application information with the Terry Foundation if I am nominated for an interview. I authorize The University of Texas at Arlington and/or the Terry Foundation to verify the information I have provided. I further understand that this information will be relied upon by the Terry Foundation in determining my financial eligibility and that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, and/or withdrawal of an offer of scholarship. I understand I may be asked for additional information to be considered for the Terry Scholarship.

Applicant's signature:  Date: 04/11/2017

YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Legal Name (Last, First, Middle): Djangang, Paul, Marcus

Preferred Name: Paul

Permanent Address: 3419 Country Club Drive West ,apt 2058

City: Irving State: TX Zip Code: 75038 County: Dallas

Cell Phone: 214-636-3655 Alternate/Home Phone: _____

Date of Birth: 12/05/1980 Gender: Male

Email Address (one you access daily): paul.djangang@mavs.uta.edu

Which statement accurately describes your citizenship?

☐ US Citizen

☒ Resident w/ I-551 Card

☐ Resident w/ I-551C Card

☐ None of the above

Ethnic Background: How do you describe yourself? African

List all places of residency for the last three years. List your most current residence first.

City, State	Country	Start Date	End Date
Irving, Texas	United States	2012	Present

II. EDUCATION INFORMATIONName and City of High School: Jean Tabi High school, Yaounde (Cameroon)Intended Major: Mathematics and PhysicsTotal Expected Transferrable Credit Hours (as of Fall): 71Current Cumulative GPA: 3.6 Member of Phi Theta Kappa? ☒ YES ☐ NOTotal Transferrable Credit Hours: 71

AP: _____

Dual Credit: _____

Online: _____

On Campus: _____

List all Colleges and Universities that you have attended.

College/University	First Attended	Last Attended
North Lake College	2013	2017

Will you be the first in your family to graduate college? Yes

Why have you chosen to apply to UT Arlington?

I have chosen to apply to the University of Texas at Arlington because the Uteach program offered by UT Arlington is an excellent match for my goal. I am planning to be a Highly Qualified mathematics teacher

Why have you chosen your academic major(s)?

I first encountered mathematics in my home country of Cameroon when I was 13 years old, and I fell in love with it. My schooling did not allow for much continuing education in mathematics. Now, as an adult, I hope to realize my dream by focusing in this field.

Briefly describe any educational plans you have beyond earning your bachelor's degree.

I intend to work towards a Master's Degree in the field of mathematics as I move towards a specialization. I have great interest in statistics.

III. MILITARY SERVICEHave you ever served in the United States Armed Forces? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Branch: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Regarding your military experience:

Permanent Duty Stations (with dates): _____

All MOs: _____

Medals, Honors, and Awards: _____

Specialized Training: _____

Are you currently in the Reserves or National Guard? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Current location: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Have you utilized GI Bill education benefits? ☐ YES ☒ NOIf so, do you have remaining GI benefits? ☐ YES ☒ NO Amount Remaining: _____Are you entitled to Hazelwood benefits? ☐ YES ☒ NOIf so, do you have remaining Hazelwood benefits? ☐ YES ☒ NO Amount Remaining: _____Were you honorably discharged from your military service? ☐ YES ☒ NOAre you a Wounded Warrior? ☐ YES ☒ NOAre you wanting to defer any military benefits for a child or spouse? YES ☐ NO ☒**IV. EMPLOYMENT, ACTIVITIES, SERVICE, AND AWARDS**Are you currently employed? Yes Current Employer: Owens&Minor, Assurant SolutionsLast Year's AGI: \$40,000 Hours Worked (per week): 60 Hrs**Employment, Internships, and Summer Activities:**

List all (no more than 10 yrs) of your previous and current jobs or internships. Include your job title, your employer's name, how many hours per week you worked, the number of weeks you worked, and the dates of employment. List **your most recent activities first.**

Position/Job Title	Employer	Hrs per week	# of weeks	Start Date:	End Date:
Warehouse Picker	Owens & Minor	24Hrs		11/2015	Present
Forklift Operator	Assurant solutions	36Hrs		09/2015	Present
Warehouse associate	RNDC	55Hrs		12/2012	11/2015

IV. EMPLOYMENT, ACTIVITIES, SERVICE AND AWARDS (continued)

Extracurricular Activities and Leadership Positions:

In order of importance to you, list your top six extracurricular activities (include band, clubs, affiliations, etc.) and the position(s) you held.

Organization/Activity	Position(s) Held	Description of Activity	FR	SO	JR	SR
North Lake College	PI Math assistant	Assist students ti improve their math levels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEM Institut	Scholar	Promote and popularize the Stem education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mu Alpha Theta	Active Member	Assist and help student in mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phi Theta Kappa	Scholar/Member	Development of leadership and service, stimulation of academic excellence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Church, Community or Volunteer Service

List up to six church, community service, civic organizations, or other activities in which you are most involved, providing year(s) of involvement and leadership positions held. **Do not repeat from above.**

Place of Service	Description of Service	Hrs per week	# of weeks	Start Date:	End Date:
North Lake College	Member, NLC-Service learning	2.20		08/2016	Present
North Lake College	PI Mathematics Assistant	2.20		08/2016	Present
Arlington (Soccer-Health)	Promote Health benefits by soccer	2		05/2013	Present

Awards, Special Honors, and Distinctions

In order of importance to you, list your top four major awards that you have received in the past. Include military awards, if not listed above, but do not duplicate.

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V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

All Terry Foundation Scholarship applicants must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and select The University of Texas at Arlington (school code: 003656) to receive the information. FAFSA forms are submitted online annually October 1st at www.fafsa.gov. File your FAFSA before March 15th. Financial information may be subject to verification from tax returns.

Please complete all questions or your application cannot be considered.

Student Information:

Are you listed as a dependent on someone else's tax return?

☐ YES ☒ NO

Tax Filer:

Father/stepfather occupation:

Mother/stepmother occupation:

As a dependent, what was your parent(s)' Adjusted Gross Income for last year?

Marital Status:

MarriedSpouse Employment Information
(If applicable)

Is your spouse employed?

No

Employer:

AGI last year:

\$0

Hours worked per week:

0Do you or your spouse receive
child support:NoDo you or your spouse pay
child support?No

If so, amount:

Do you pay the cost of child care
for your dependent children or
stepchildren?

If so, amount:

If so, amount:

Do you have any student debt?

YesDoes your spouse have any
student debt?No

If so, amount:

If so, amount:

Dependents (names and ages)

My wife: Florence Kana Tido, 31 years old

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V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (continued)

Are there other financial resources that you rely upon to support yourself and your family?

No, all my income is from my two jobs.

If you provide financial support for a family member (child, parent, sibling, or other), please tell us about your family.

I support my wife who is a student too at North Lake College. She also expecting very soon our first child.

If there are additional factors or special circumstances that demonstrate your financial need, please describe:

Only that the terry Transfer Scholarship would permit me to devote more time to my family and my studies.

Applications and all required documents must be received by April 21, 2017.

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Essay: Your Experience

In approximately 500-1000 words, please answer the following essay: It has been our experience that every transfer/non-traditional student has a story to tell about their background and the road they have taken to get to this point. Tell us the story of your journey to arrive at the decision to study at your chosen university.

My name is Paul Djangang, I am from Cameroon in Africa where I spent all my childhood, my primary school, and my secondary school. I graduated from high school in 2003, but because of the limited financial resources of my parents, I could not continue my studies. In Cameroon, it is not easy to go to the university or college when you come from a poor family. Corruption, mismanagement, poverty, political disorder and fear are the characteristics of everyday life. It was not easy for me. Some parents asked me to help their children in mathematics; in return, I received a monthly salary that allowed me to be a little more independent of my parents. Every day, I reflected on the possibilities of getting out of my situation and improving my life. I sought out various positions in primary schools, in public and private companies. I applied to some international assistance programs on the internet. Each time, I received negative answers, but I never felt discouraged or defeated.

In 2012, everything changed. Within the framework of the Diversity Immigrant Visa program, I received a United States Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) from the U.S. Department of State. It was in this way that, on September 21, 2012, I permanently moved to the United States, to the state of Texas. I felt immediately at home: to me, the climate and nature seemed perfect, and the people were welcoming and friendly. This is why I am planning to live here for a long time. I will always remember that it is in Texas that for the first time in my life, I was able to go to college.

I still remember my first day in North Lake College, the only college that I have known. It was in 2013 that I enrolled for my first time in a college. I started at North Lake College with ESOL classes. This was absolutely necessary because my English was not good enough to start classes at a college level. I took almost two years to train myself in English. Every day, I worked to improve my grammar, my writing, and my reading. In 2015, I took my first mathematics class entitled College Algebra. This is how I met Professor Tim Ngo, my first mathematics teacher at North Lake College. He was the one who inspired me and reinforced my motivation to continue my studies in mathematics. Professor Ngo is now my mentor, my first academic advisor.

It is true that since high school, I have always loved mathematics, but my first college algebra course has truly triggered a passion in me for mathematics. Since joining North Lake College as a full-time student, I have never stopped working hard to finance my studies. In August 2015, I obtained a scholarship from the DCCCD STEM institute which allowed me to reduce my working hours to focus more intensely on my studies, and also time to help some of my classmates in mathematics. In 2016, I joined the North Lake college service learning program as PI assistant in mathematics. From then until now, my job as a PI math assistant is to serve, help, and encourage DMAT & College Algebra students. I realize every day that teaching is most certainly my path in life. The feeling of satisfaction in bringing knowledge but also capacities and attitudes to the students fills me. I want to be a part of the training of the citizens of tomorrow. I want to participate in the education of children to enable them to become free and enlightened adults.

After making my decision, I spent a long time doing research about continuing my education, especially searching online, I read a lot, I asked for advice from several professors, and I went directly to some universities. Eventually I chose to apply to the University of Texas at Arlington because of their Uteach program. It is a special program whose objective is to increase the number of qualified science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) teachers in U.S. secondary schools. The Uteach Arlington program is one of the best to be found anywhere. The faculty and staff are focused on strengthening secondary STEM teacher preparation. I am so honored to have been accepted into this program.

The fact of being admitted to the University of Texas at Arlington gives me great motivation. My friends, my brothers and sisters, my classmates and teachers, my parents, and most especially, my wife, are all very proud of me. I have committed myself to move forward and finish as soon as possible. I am confident of getting my degree in mathematics, and being certified as a secondary school mathematics teacher; I hope to someday continue my education by seeking a Master's Degree. I need financial help so I can be totally concentrated on my studies, so I can realize my dream. This is why I am applying for this prestigious scholarship. Thank you again for the help you always provide to first-generation students like me to finally get a university degree.