Dear Posse Nominee:

Congratulations on your nomination for the Posse Scholarship. If you’re reading this, you’ve just completed your first-round interview. You were nominated for a reason, and we’re so glad to have met you in person.

Now that you know more about Posse, it’s going to be important for you to familiarize yourself with Posse’s partner college for Minnesota, Macalester College. If selected for this award, you will have the opportunity to attend Macalester as part of a team of students—a Posse—from Minnesota’s Twin Cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

This booklet presents a brief profile of Macalester. We hope you get excited about it; it is among the very best institutions of higher education in the United States. Take a look, but also research the school further on your own.

Good luck and we’ll be in touch soon,

Posse
CONCEPT

Posse started in 1989 because of one student who said,

“I NEVER WOULD HAVE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE IF I HAD MY POSSE WITH ME.”

The Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. The Foundation extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams—Posses—of 10 students. The Foundation’s partner colleges and universities award Posse Scholars full-tuition leadership scholarships.

THREE GOALS

1. To expand the pool from which top colleges and universities can recruit outstanding young leaders from diverse backgrounds.

2. To help these institutions build more interactive campus environments so they can become more welcoming for people from all backgrounds.

3. To ensure that Posse Scholars persist in their academic studies and graduate so they can take on leadership positions in the workforce.
Macalester College is a nationally ranked, highly selective undergraduate liberal arts and sciences college, one of very few located in the heart of a major metropolitan area. Macalester’s location in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis amplifies the college’s demanding academic program and commitments to internationalism, multiculturalism, and service to society.

Macalester’s students come from 98 countries and all 50 states. Supported by faculty and classmates in a challenging, yet collaborative learning environment, Macalester graduates thrive in a global economy, gain access to top graduate programs, and make a positive impact on the world.

QUICK FACTS

» Academics are ranked among the top 20 in the U.S., with 38 majors, 40 minors, and 10 concentrations from which students can choose.

» Macalester’s proximity to the Twin Cities allows students to intern and conduct research through the year, with 72% of students having completed at least one internship or conducted research by the time they graduate.

» Apathy is not part of Macalester’s ethos. Student-led social movements have been happening here since the 1960s.

» Students find connections and a sense of belonging by joining one or more of the 100 student organizations on campus, including a range of identity collectives.

» Bagpipes (yes, bagpipes) play at major campus events, and students can take free lessons.