

MSSW Scholarship Application Information

Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville (updated 12/11/17)

One of the major goals of the Kent School is to assure a diverse student body and to provide all students with a multicultural experience. These educational objectives are designed to train professional social workers for practice that demands sensitivity to a plurality of views and concerns. To achieve this end, minority students and students with diversity experience will be given strong consideration. A limited number of scholarships are available that are based on financial need and academic potential. The number and amount of awards vary, just as the amount and availability of funds vary each year.

Eligibility Requirements & Instructions

- **FAFSA:** file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov with UL's Financial Aid Office by the federal priority deadline of **February 15th**
- **MSSW Scholarship Application:** submit the MSSW scholarship application after January 1st and before the **May 15th deadline** for each year you wish to be considered. (Exception: Gerontology specialization applicants who are applying to the Gerontology Scholarship and CFT summer semester applicants should submit the application by 1/30 for priority consideration) [MSSW Scholarship Application survey](#) (opens January 1st)
- **Essays:** submit any essays required by the scholarships for which you are applying to kscholars@louisville.edu by the **May 15th Deadline**
- **GPA for current continuing students:** must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- **International Students:** please complete the FAFSA worksheet below, print it, and email it to kscholar@louisville.edu This form will be used for the purpose of awarding Kent School Scholarships only: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1819/pdf/fafsaws18c.pdf>

Scholarship Decisions

- Guidelines for the determination of financial awards are set by the MSSW Scholarship Committee; applicants are strongly encouraged to develop resources to finance their graduate education with the assistance of [UL's Financial Aid Office](#) where a variety of programs may be available to help remove financial barriers.
- Scholarship Decision letters will be emailed to all students typically in early **July**. A wait list will be maintained for any awards that are unclaimed.
- Scholarship Award Recipients must:
 - 1) maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 and
 - 2) remain in full time status (9 credit hours per semester) throughout the time frame specified on the scholarship award letter.

IMPORTANT: A student must apply or re-apply for scholarships each year by the May 15th deadline in order to be considered for that year, regardless of any prior award. The FAFSA must also be filed each year by the February 15th priority deadline.

MSSW Scholarship Awards

All MSSW scholarship applicants who complete the [MSSW Scholarship application](#) by **May 15th** & submit a FAFSA by 2/15 will be considered for the following partial tuition awards (no essay required):

Mary Martin Scholarship	Terry & Nancy Singer Scholarship	Master's Scholarship
Gail Huecker Scholarship	Robert Silva Scholarship	Matamoros Scholarship
Russell Louden Scholarship	Kent School Scholarship	NIA Scholarship
JoAnn Harrison Scholarship	Ruth Malcolm Scholarship	Lynn Carr Scholarship
Milanof Appalachian Scholarship		

The following scholarships **also require an essay** to be emailed to kscholar@louisville.edu by **May 15th** ***unless an earlier or later special deadline is noted:***

- **Gerontology Specialization Scholarship:** This competitive merit-based award is only for students who are applying and admitted to the Gerontology who are going into their advanced year. 30-hr applicants: the specialization essay/resume submitted for admissions will be used as a scholarship essay. 60-hr students: submit your gerontology specialization essay and current resume to kscholar@louisville.edu. All applicants should submit all documents and complete the MSSW Scholarship application **by January 30th** for priority consideration.
- **CFT Summer Semester Scholarship:** Applicants must be admitted to the CFT specialization and 1) have a minimum 3.0 GPA, 2) financial need and 3) submit a 2-3 page essay regarding your plans for practicing marriage/couple family therapy after graduation to kscholar@louisville.edu by **January 30th** for priority consideration.
- **Maude Ainslie Scholarship:** Submit a 2-page essay addressing personal & educational goals.
- **I Am the Change Scholarship:** Applicants must 1) have a minimum 3.5 gpa, 2) submit 2 letters of recommendation from someone who can speak to your commitment to the profession of social work (cannot be family)—recommenders should email them directly to kscholar@louisville.edu , 3) submit a current resume and 2 page essay to kscholar@louisville.edu by 5/15. Essay instructions—write a recommendation letter for yourself for a “dream job” in the social work field, speaking about the impact you hope to have when you conclude your time at Kent, why you are the best candidate, including a discussion of your goals, aspirations, what you hope to accomplish at Kent and the impact you have had or hope to have in your practicum site, classes and within your community
- **Elaine C Payne Scholarship:** \$1000 award; MSSW applicants must be: 1) a single mother from a historically underrepresented minority background, 2) have significant financial need and a FAFSA on file, 3) submit a 2-page essay discussing how you have and will continue to demonstrate, through voluntary or professional experiences, your concern for humanity and helping others.
- **Sheela Stevens Scholarship:** \$1000 award; MSSW or BSW applicants should: 1) have a practicum at Elderserve, 2) maintain a 3.0 gpa, 3) demonstrate financial need and 4) submit a 2-3 page essay regarding their interests in gerontology and career aspirations.
- **Joe & Carolyn Brown CFT specialization Scholarship:** Students must be applying and admitted to the CFT specialization, have a minimum 3.5 gpa, demonstrate financial need, and submit a 2-3 pp essay describing your commitment to working with low income families within the community, particularly diverse populations, as evidenced by prior or current

work/volunteer experience, leadership skills and/or professional association memberships. Non-resident applicants encouraged to apply.

- **Lipetz Scholarship:** This \$750 scholarship is only available to students in their advanced practicum year. The student must be placed in a practicum that has an aging, policy or legislative focus. There is a required two page essay addressing goals for the practicum. **Delayed Deadline of 9/15** for this scholarship essay to allow time for students to identify advanced practicum placement.

Other MSSW Stipend Opportunity

Flourish Behavioral Health Internship Program (\$10,000 Stipend)

This is not an MSSW Scholarship but is a program that MSSW students may be eligible for if the following criteria are met:

- Must be going into the Advanced final year of MSSW studies
- Admitted to one of the following specializations: Gerontology, Mental Health, Alcohol & Drug Counseling, Psychosocial Oncology, Military Social Work or Couple & Family Therapy
- Interest in working with the older adult population
- A commitment to work with a behavioral health setting after graduation
- Willing to travel to Bullitt, Henry, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, or Trimble Counties

If selected for this internship, students will: receive a \$10,000 stipend, professional training in inter-professional care and behavioral health interventions, career development and job placement services, earn a professional certificate in geriatric interdisciplinary behavioral health-primary care, and improve the lives of older adults in a transformative service coordination model.

For more information on how to apply: <http://www.optimalaginginstitute.org/flourishinternship>

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