

MSSW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

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, students of color and from historically underserved communities, 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.

Newly admitted and continuing students are invited and encouraged to apply.

MSSW Scholarship Application Deadlines & Awarding Cycles

Deadline	Scholarship Awarding Cycle
June 1st	Scholarship award is split over Fall and Spring semesters
October 15th	Scholarship award is split over Spring and Summer semesters
March 31st	Scholarship award is for Summer semester only

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.
- The scholarship application process is competitive. Applying does not guarantee an award. Decision letters will be emailed to you before the start of the corresponding semester in which you applied. A wait list will be maintained for awards that are returned/declined.
- Scholarship Award Recipients must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 or what is listed as eligibility requirement (please refer to scholarship requirements).

IMPORTANT: A student must apply or re-apply for scholarships each year by the relevant deadline listed above to be considered for that year, regardless of any prior award. The FAFSA must also be filed each year, if required (please refer to scholarship requirements).

Please email kscholar@louisville.edu with any questions or concerns.

MSSW Scholarship Awards

Instructions: Below is a listing of all MSSW Program scholarships, and information about Kent-wide scholarships and other funding sources. Please read the scholarship eligibility and requirements carefully before applying. You must prepare all documents (i.e., FASFA, essay, letters) before accessing the online application. You will need to upload all supporting documents, as required, on the application before submission. A completed application including documents, if applicable are required before consideration. You can access the application [here](#).

Scholarship	Eligibility and Document Requirement
Edward Wunsch Scholarship <i>\$500 scholarship award</i>	Applicant must be committed to work in gerontology social work as demonstrated by practicum placement and in the gerontology concentration and maintain a 3.0 GPA. 1–2-page essay is required describing your plans for working in gerontology social work and why you feel you are deserving of the award. A resume is also required.
Elaine C. Payne Scholarship <i>\$1000 scholarship award</i>	Applicant must be a single mother from a historically underrepresented minority background and demonstrate financial need with a FASFA on file. 2-page essay is required discussing how you have and will continue to demonstrate through voluntary or professional experiences, your concern for humanity and helping others.
Gail Huecker Scholarship	Applicant must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) with UofL’s Financial Aid Office.
HBCU Cardinal Express to Success Scholars Scholarship	Applicant must have a bachelor's degree from a historically Black college or university (HBCU). 500-word (max) essay is required describing how you will integrate the core values and educational experiences from your HBCU to excel in the MSSW program and in your future roles as a professional social worker.
JoAnn Harrison Scholarship	Applicant must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) with UofL’s Financial Aid Office.
Kent School Scholarship	Applicant must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) with UofL’s Financial Aid Office.
Lillian Milanof Appalachian Scholarship	Priority for applicants who are from, lived in, or expressed interest in working in the Appalachian counties of KY, TN, WV, GA, or NC with an interest in studying child welfare.

Lipetz Scholarship <i>\$750 scholarship award</i>	Applicant must be in their advanced practicum year, must be in a placement with a focus of gerontology social work, policy, or legislative focus. 2-page essay required addressing goals for your practicum.
Lynn Carr Scholarship	Preference to applicants interested in rural social work.
Mary Martin Scholarship	Applicant must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) with UofL's Financial Aid Office.
Master's Scholarship	Applicant must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) with UofL's Financial Aid Office.
Matamoros Scholarship	Preference to applicants in gerontology concentration.
Maude Ainslie Scholarship	2-page essay addressing personal and educational goals is required for consideration for this scholarship.
Nia Scholarship	Preference given to African American applicants.
Robert Silva Scholarship	Applicant must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) with UofL's Financial Aid Office.
Russell Louden Scholarship	Applicant must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) with UofL's Financial Aid Office.
Ruth Malcolm Scholarship	Applicant must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) with UofL's Financial Aid Office.
Sheela Stevens Scholarship <i>\$1000 scholarship award</i>	Applicant must have a practicum placement at Elderserve, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and demonstrate financial need with a FASFA on file. 2–3-page essay is required that addresses your interest in gerontology and your career aspirations.
Terry & Nancy Singer Scholarship	Applicants must be interested in oncology social work, preferably in psychosocial oncology concentration.

Please note: **International Students**, please complete the FAFSA worksheet below, print it, and upload it to the application. This form will be used for the purpose of awarding Kent School Scholarships only: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/2020-21-fafsa-worksheet.pdf>

Other Scholarship & Funding Opportunities

Kent-Wide Scholarships

- **Trans* Champion Scholarship:** \$500 scholarship award. Preference will be given to applicants who identify as transgender, nonbinary, gender queer, or gender nonconforming. Applicant must exemplify the attributes necessary to be an advocate for the trans* community if you do not meet the initial preference. 1–2-page essay is required describing how you are an advocate for the trans* community and why you should be considered for the award.
- **I am the Change Scholarship:** \$500 scholarship award. Applicant must be actively engaged in social justice and social change initiatives on campus and/or in their community, show strong interest in community organization and community advocacy, and maintain a 3.5 minimum GPA. 2-page essay in the form of a recommendation letter to yourself for a "dream job" in the social work field is required. The letter must speak on the impact you hope to have after you accomplish at your time at the Kent School. Additionally, it must include what impact have you had, or do you hope to have at your practicum site, in your classes, and within your community.

FlourishCare Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health Internship Program

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

- Advanced Standing MSSW students are eligible for a \$10,000 stipend while they last—this is a very competitive program and stipends are typically filled by May of each year;
- Foundation MSSW students (and Kent BSW advanced year students) are eligible to participate in the internship—some scholarship funding may be available depending on available grants;
- Interest in working in medical social work or healthcare setting;
- Interest in working with the older adult population, but not required as some sites work with adults across the lifespan;
- Willing to travel to Bullitt, Henry, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, or Trimble Counties, but not required (Trager currently has satellite sites at Park Duvalle Community Health Clinics in Henry and Spencer County, Mercy Medical in Shelby County, and Awake Ministries in Shelby County). There are additional rural practicum sites located in: Whitesburg, Pikeville, Barbourville, Glasgow; and
- A commitment to work with a behavioral health setting after graduation.

If selected for this internship, students will receive professional training in inter-professional care and trauma-informed behavioral health interventions, career development and job placement services, earn a professional certificate in trauma-informed behavioral health-primary care, and improved the lives of adults across the lifespan in a transformative service coordination model.

For more information on how to apply: <https://www.tragerinstitute.org/flourishinternship>

Employer Scholarship or Tuition Reimbursement Programs

Often employers have programs to assist their employees financially in their educational pursuits. Do not miss out on any potential opportunities. Reach out to your HR department to learn about potential opportunities at your institution of employment.

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