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MSSW Scholarship Information and Application
Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville

One of the major goals in 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 in a context demanding 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 to qualified students for graduate study in social work. The scholarships are based on financial need and academic merit and potential. The number and amount of awards vary, just as the amount and availability of funds vary each year.

To be considered for a scholarship from Kent School, a **NEW student** must:

- meet the *Traditional* application to Kent School deadline (**May 15th**),
- file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov with the Student Financial Aid Office. The priority deadline for filing this form is **February 15th** prior to the fall semester for which you plan to be considered.
- submit a two-page essay if required (see below), and
- submit the scholarship application by the deadline of **May 15th** of each year you plan to be considered. The exception to this is the **Jan 15th** deadline if you wish to be considered for the Hartford PPP Scholarship (Gerontology Specialization).

To be considered for a scholarship from Kent School, a **RETURNING student** must:

- have a 3.00 GPA,
- file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov with the Student Financial Aid Office. The priority deadline for filing this form is **February 15** prior to the fall semester for which you plan to be considered.
- submit a two-page essay if required (see below), and
- submit the scholarship application by the deadline of **May 15th** of each year you plan to be considered. The exception to this is the **Jan 15th** deadline if you wish to be considered for the Hartford PPP Scholarship (Gerontology Specialization).

If chosen for a scholarship award, the student will be expected to:

- maintain a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and
- 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.**

All applicants will be notified in writing once awards have been made, usually around the first week of July. The guidelines for the determination of financial awards are set by the Scholarship Committee. Inquiries regarding scholarships should be addressed to: Coordinator of Admissions, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky 40292. Applicants are strongly encouraged to develop resources to finance their graduate education with the assistance of the Financial Aid Office of the University of Louisville. This office administers a variety of programs to help remove financial barriers. Inquiries about these programs should be addressed directly to that Office: Student Financial Aid Office, Houchens Building, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, 40292.

***International Students**: since you are ineligible to file a FAFSA, please simply complete the FAFSA worksheet below, print it, and attach it to your Kent School Scholarship application. This form will be used for the purpose of awarding Kent School Scholarships only: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1213/pdf/fafsaws13c.pdf

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All scholarship applicants will be considered for the following scholarships that do not require an essay:

E. "Camp" Edwards Scholarship
Gail Huecker Scholarship
Kent School Scholarship
Ruth Middleman Memorial Award
Ruth Middleman Scholarship
Robert W. Silva Scholarship

If you wish to be considered for any of the following additional scholarships, please check those which you believe you qualify and submit any accompanying essay as instructed:

____**Maude Ainslie Scholarship** Requires a two-page essay addressing personal and educational goals.

____**Martha Davis Scholarship** Requires a two-page essay addressing plans to provide social services in rural areas of Kentucky**.**

____**Lipetz Scholarship** This 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. **Deadline for this scholarship only is September 15**. (no FAFSA required) For more information on this scholarship visit http://louisville.edu/giving/spotlight/lipetz

****Gerontology Specialization Scholarship** Students interested in this scholarship must meet the early January 15th Gerontology admission deadline. Applicants must complete an online scholarship application that will direct you to submit your resume and a 4-page essay, addressing your interest in aging and your specific goals for practicum directly to the Gerontology Specialization Coordinator, Dr. Sharon Bowland, who will later contact you for an interview. This competitive merit-based partial scholarship is only available to students in their Advanced Practicum year (no FAFSA required). Apply here: http://php.louisville.edu/kent/survey/index.php?sid=83

Section I: Personal Information

Name _____UL Student ID#(if known)_____

Address _____

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Phone #_____ Email address_____

Section II: Financial Information

Will you be employed for the upcoming academic year? Yes No (circle one)
Employer name_____
Full-time ____ part-time ____ not employed____ Months employed at agency _____
Does your employer offer tuition assistance? ____ If yes, how many hours can you claim? _____
If you are eligible for this benefit and are not using it, please explain:
_____

If you are employed by the Cabinet for Family and Children, are you applying or have you been awarded a DCBS stipend? Applied Awarded N/A (circle all that apply)

Are you receiving veteran/military educational benefits? Yes No If "Yes", please indicate the amount you will receive:_____

What other financial assistance are you expecting? Please include Federal Work Study and any other scholarships, stipends and loans. Please include source and amount expected:
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*Please Note: If you indicate that you are receiving any of the above assistance and do not give specific detailed amounts, the Scholarship Committee will assume you are receiving the maximum allowed benefit/assistance by default.

Section III: Please list any awards, recognitions, honors, professional membership, etc. that would address your academic merits.

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Section IV: Because Kent School strives to create a diverse student body, please feel free to let us know if you identify with any of the following groups or any others (not required):

__African American
__Hispanic or Latino/a
__Asian American
__Native American
__LGBT
__Disabled

__Veteran
__ESL Student
__Refugee/Immigrant
__Senior Adult (55+)
__Jewish
__Rural
__Nontraditional Student

Please list any other groups you identify with:_____
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The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature of Applicant Date Signed

Observing the **deadline of May 15th** (except for the Jan 15th deadline for the Gerontology Specialization Scholarship), please complete this scholarship application form and mail both the application form (pp 2-3) and any required essay(s) to:

The Scholarship Committee
c/o Coordinator of Admissions
Kent School of Social Work
University of Louisville
Louisville, KY 40292

The receipt of your scholarship application and essays will be acknowledged by email.
***Please be sure to file the FAFSA by February 15.**