

MSSW Scholarship Application Information

Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville (updated 11/20/18)

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.

MSSW Scholarship Application Deadlines

1/31 Deadline	CFT and Gerontology Scholarship applicants should apply by 1/31 for priority consideration; after 1/31 these awards are made on a case by case basis depending on availability
2/15 Earlybird Deadline	Priority consideration given to minority applicants and students with diversity experience
5/15 Regular Deadline	All remaining applicants considered

Eligibility Requirements & Instructions

- **FAFSA:** file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov with UL's Financial Aid Office by **February 15th**
- **MSSW Scholarship Application:** First, write and save any needed essays, including your full name and the name of the scholarship in the title of the essay. Then, complete the online application where you will upload the essays.
https://louisvillekent.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3rPYsRmAZ2oejz (opens January 1st)
- **GPA requirements:** newly admitted students = N/A unless specified by specific scholarship; *continuing* students = must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- **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>

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.
- Earlybird 2/15 scholarship decision letters will be emailed on a rolling basis, while all remaining regular May 15 decision letters will be emailed in early **July**. Applying by 2/15 does not guarantee an early award—applicants who applied by 2/15 and have not received an award decision letter by 5/15 will receive their decision letter in July with other regular 5/15 consideration applicants. A wait list will be maintained for awards that are returned/declined.
- 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 relevant deadline listed above 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

For the following MSSW Scholarships, students must submit this MSSW scholarship survey by May 15th and submit a FAFSA by 2/15—no essay required:

Mary Martin Scholarship
Gail Huecker Scholarship
Russell Louden Scholarship
JoAnn Harrison Scholarship

Master's Scholarship
Robert Silva Scholarship
Kent School Scholarship
Ruth Malcolm Scholarship

Lillian Milanof Appalachian Scholarship—priority for students who are from, have 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

Terry & Nancy Singer Scholarship—students must be interested in oncology social work, preferably in the psychosocial oncology specialization

Lynn Carr Scholarship—preference for students interested or engaged in rural social work

Matamoros Scholarship—preference for students with a focus on gerontology social work

NIA Scholarship—preference given to African American students

The following scholarships **also require an essay** that should be uploaded at the time the application is submitted by May 15th **unless an earlier or later special deadline is noted:**

- **Gerontology Specialization Scholarship:** students must be going into their advanced year and admitted to the gerontology specialization. Please submit your gerontology essay and resume for consideration of this competitive merit-based award
- **Maude Ainslie Scholarship:** Submit a 2 pg essay addressing personal & educational goals.
- **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 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.
- **Trans Champion Scholarship:** \$500 award; Applicants 1) must be a Kent BSW, MSSW or PhD student, 2) Preference given to students who identify as transgender, nonbinary, gender queer, or gender nonconforming, 3) must exemplify the attributes necessary to be an advocate for the trans community if the initial preferred student is not identified; 4) must submit a 1-2 page essay describing how you are an advocate for the trans community and why you should be considered for this award.
- **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.

- **Edward Wunsch Scholarship:** \$500; Applicants must 1) be a Kent MSSW or PhD student committed to working with the elderly population as demonstrated by practicum placement, enrollment in the gerontology specialization, or gerontology is the focus of your field of research, 2) maintain a 3.0 GPA, 3) submit a resume, and 4) submit a 1-2 page essay describing your plans for working in the gerontology field and why you feel you are deserving of this award.

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
- A commitment to work with a behavioral health setting after graduation

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: <https://www.tragerinstitute.org/flourishinternship>

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