Florida State University College of Social Work Scholarship Opportunities

These scholarships are available to undergraduate and graduate social work students. Students are eligible for each applicable scholarship through one common application *(Exception: The C. Aaron McNeece Field Education Scholarship, exclusively offered to students entering internships, requires a separate application which is available online or from the Field Office, Room 2510 UCC. For information, contact Katrina Boone at kboone@fsu.edu or call 850-644-4860.).* Applicants’ personal statements should highlight their qualities and interests in relation to the focus of the scholarships. **Awards are presented in the fall semester. Applications are posted in January, with a deadline of March 1.**

**CITRUS HEALTH NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP**
Established in 2002, this scholarship serves as a lasting tribute to the community services provided by Citrus Health Network, Inc. It is awarded annually to graduate students who are interested in working in the behavioral healthcare field in the Miami-Dade County area.

**MARK DEGRAFF & LULA HAMILTON DEGRAFF SCHOLARSHIP**
This award, first presented in 1985, is given to a senior undergraduate or graduate student who intends to conduct research on factors influencing the growth and development of youth, or who intends to work professionally with youth.

**LAMAR F. EVERETT SCHOLARSHIP**
This scholarship was established in 2009 as the result of a bequest from Mr. Everett’s estate. The award is specifically earmarked to benefit economically disadvantaged and academically worthy undergraduate or graduate College of Social Work students.

**JOANNA F. GORMAN SCHOLARSHIP**
This scholarship was established to honor Dr. Gorman who had a deep commitment to the profession’s development and a clear vision of social work’s mission to create a more just society. Full-time social work students receiving this award show evidence of outstanding academic achievement, exemplify the highest standards of character and plan to work for one year in the area of child welfare, health or mental health.

**HERNDON SCHOLARS PROGRAM**
The Herndon Scholars Program, sponsored by the Helios Education Foundation, is an endowed fund that was created in 2007 and first presented in fall 2008. It provides annual scholarships to graduate students in the FSU College of Social Work. Recipients of the award must be Florida residents. Preference is given to students who have social work practice experience prior to graduate school.
WALTER W. HUDSON DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship honors Dr. Walter Hudson, a former faculty member who was named the first recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Social Work & Research in 1999. Dr. Hudson was an international leader in measurement theory, development and testing of assessment and outcome evaluation tools, statistics, evidence-based practice methodology, and computer applications for practice. This award is intended for a Ph.D. student at the College of Social Work.

MARGARET H. JACKS SCHOLARSHIP IN AGING
Ms. Jacks was a formidable and outspoken advocate for elderly Floridians for more than five decades. This award is directed to graduate students studying gerontology. Recipients must have completed one course on aging or demonstrated a commitment to the field of aging through volunteer or work experiences.

RICHARD M. KING SCHOLARSHIP IN SOCIAL WORK & BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
This endowed scholarship was established by alumnus Richard King (MSW ’69) to encourage graduate students who demonstrate interest in earning both an MSW and a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA). Social work students who take electives in the College of Business are also eligible for the award.

JAMES & MARY KOALSKA UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
This memorial scholarship fund was set up by Professors Paul and Betty Piccard in memory of Betty’s parents, James Koalska and Mary Brennan Koalska. The Koalskas were the children of Irish and Polish immigrants and entered the work force at a very young age. While they could not benefit from a college education themselves, they valued education and provided their daughters with opportunities in higher education – one in nursing, the other in social work. This award is intended to cover tuition for a social work undergraduate student whose parents did not attend college.

JOYCE HARPER LAIDLAW SCHOLARSHIP IN CHILD WELFARE
The Laidlaw Scholarship, established by FSU alumna Joyce Harper Laidlaw and her husband Don, was first presented in 2003. It is for graduate students who have decided to focus their studies on child welfare.

M. SHARON MAXWELL FERGUSON SCHOLARSHIP IN FAMILY VIOLENCE
Dr. Maxwell retired in 2006, after serving nearly two decades on the faculty of CSW and establishing the Institute for Family Violence Studies (IFVS). She is a nationally recognized expert in intimate partner violence and a champion of community-based services for survivors and their children. This scholarship is designed to encourage undergraduates to work with the IFVS and explore career opportunities designed to help end family violence.

C. AARON MCNEECE FIELD EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
Separate application required. Applications are available online and in the CSW field office, 2510 UCC. Deadline: March 1. For information, contact Katrina Boone at kboone@fsu.edu or call 850-644-4860 or
Dr. McNeece retired in 2008 after serving on the CSW faculty for 30 years. He is internationally recognized for his work in chemical dependency and treatment for criminal offenders. He held various leadership positions at the College of Social Work and served as Dean from 2004 to 2008. This scholarship named in his honor was established by the CSW Field Advisory Committee to provide assistance to graduate and undergraduate students during their internships.

COYLE & MABEL MOORE SCHOLARSHIP
Dr. Coyle Moore came to Tallahassee in 1928 to develop a course of instruction in social work at the Florida State College for Women (FSCW). When FSCW became a University in 1947, Dr. Moore was appointed dean of the School of Social Welfare. Mrs. Moore, who had a degree in social work from the University of North Carolina, was an active advocate of community service. This award, created in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, supports full-time undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate a commitment to the social work profession through strong character and service.

SARAH SEALEY MORRILL SCHOLARSHIP
Mrs. Morrill graduated from the FSU School of Social Work in 1955 and was a pioneering activist who planned and established counseling and guidance services for children in Leon County. Later, she assumed leadership roles in planning and managing programs for the elderly. This scholarship serves as a tribute to Sarah Sealey Morrill’s life-long commitment to community mental health services and is for undergraduate and graduate students specializing in community mental health.

MSW CLASS OF ’75 MARCH GRADUATES SCHOLARSHIP
The idea for this scholarship arose during a class reunion in March 2000, as attendees were sharing stories about their lives and they realized that FSU has had a defining influence on their successes. They created this award for full-time MSW students who are interested in community-based practice, advocacy or public policy, with a demonstrated commitment to social justice concerns.

BERNHARD SCHER UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship, first presented in 1978, was established by the family of Dr. Scher. He served as dean of the School of Social Work from 1968-1973 and was a member of the faculty until his death five years later. The undergraduate recipient of this award demonstrates a strong commitment to social work values through actions and words.

GUY & DELORES SPEARMAN SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship was created by 1975 MSW Alumnus Guy Spearman and his wife to support exemplary undergraduate and graduate social work students who come to FSU from Brevard County, Florida. Mr. Spearman is well known as a legislative lobbyist and an enthusiastic supporter of FSU.
JOHN P. & JANE W. WAKEMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK
This endowed scholarship has been established by Mary Wakeman in honor of her parents. It is for undergraduate or graduate students in the College of Social Work with an expressed interest in the study and practice of the arts in social work.

VICTORIA E. WARNER SCHOLARSHIP
This award was established to honor Dr. Victoria Warner, a long-time faculty member and Chair of the Department of Social Work at Florida A & M University in Tallahassee. The scholarship is awarded to an MSW student who received a bachelor’s degree from FAMU and intends to pursue a career working within the African-American community.