

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID

Information for Graduate Social Work Students

2010/2011

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Dear Student:

Silver School of Social Work at New York University is dedicated to educating and training students to become highly competent clinical social workers. Our MSW program affords students a solid foundation in direct service as a method of understanding the systems that serve the emotional, social and psychological needs of clients.

As an academic institution we are sensitive to the concept of paying for a professional education. We recognize that this can be a hardship for many people. Thus, we have created a generous scholarship program that rewards a large percentage of our most competitive students. This pamphlet provides an overview of the 2010-2011 scholarships, instructions for scholarship application, and information about federal financial aid.

For more information about Silver School of Social Work scholarships, please contact the Office of Admissions at (212) 998-5910, or you may also contact the School of Social Work's financial aid coordinator Byron Cortes at byron.cortes@nyu.edu. For more information about applying for federal financial aid, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at (212) 998-4444 or log onto their Web site at www.nyu.edu/financial.aid.

Thank you for your interest in Silver School of Social Work at NYU. We wish you much success in your social work education.

Sincerely,



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Common Terms

1. **Good Academic Standing:** A minimum grade point average of 3.0. Additional requirements are outlined in the MSW Student Manual (located at <http://www.nyu.edu/socialwork/pdf/msw.student.manual.7.pdf>).
2. **Academic Year:** Fall (begins in September), Spring (begins in January) and Summer (begins in May). A typical academic year is Fall and Spring.
3. **FAFSA:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is used to apply for federal student grants, work-study and loans. It is also used for state aid, private aid and some scholarships at Silver School of Social Work. Web site is: www.fafsa.ed.gov.
4. **OFA:** Office of Financial Aid at NYU. Located at 25 West 4th Street. Telephone: 212-998-4444. Web site: www.nyu.edu/financial.aid
E-mail: financial.aid@nyu.edu
5. **SAR:** Student Aid Report.
6. **SSSW:** Silver School of Social Work at NYU.
7. **Full-time Attendance:** Students registered for a minimum of 12 credit hours per term, which typically includes registration for field learning in each semester. Although students might be registered for this number of credit hours, SSSW does NOT guarantee scholarship awards.
8. **Full-time Equivalency:** Students registered for a minimum of 10 credit hours including field learning. (Only applies to students in the Extended and Extended One-Year Residence Program)

Scholarship Requirements

A committee determines all scholarship awardees and considers only applicants that meet individual scholarship requirements. In addition, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrollment *full-time or full-time equivalent* in a matriculating MSW Program at NYU.
- If ***Grade Point Average*** requirement is not indicated for an award, the minimum *cumulative GPA* to be eligible is a 3.6 in the MSW program. If this will be your first year, then a minimum incoming GPA of 3.5 from undergraduate coursework is required.
- *Demonstration of financial need* is required for most awards. This is determined by electronically filing a 2010-11 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). See page 10 for directions.

Scholarship Policies

Financial aid and scholarship awards are contingent upon the availability of funding. NYU reserves the right to adjust a scholarship or financial aid award. Since financial aid and scholarship deadlines are subject to change without notice, please check online for updates. Students must be in good academic standing to be eligible for financial aid and scholarship assistance. Registration changes (*reduced or increased scheduling*) could adjust a financial aid or scholarship award. Adjustment and or disqualification of some forms of financial aid assistance might result if a student receives multiple internal and/or external awards. OFA or SSW will attempt to notify students of changes to financial aid award information.

Scholarship Awards

All of these named scholarship awards are granted on a highly competitive basis. We typically receive many more applications than we have awards to confer. Therefore it is crucial that you meet the deadlines listed as we **will not accept** any applications after the printed deadlines. In addition, failure to adhere to any of the stated Requirements, Criteria, or Application guidelines in any way will disqualify you from consideration of the award you are applying for. ****Please be aware that you may only apply to 3 of the school scholarships**** This limit does not include any outside scholarship awards that may be listed, or for any awards indicating otherwise.

Scholarships for 2010-2011

<i>Award</i>	<i>Criteria for Eligibility</i>	<i>Amount</i>
291 Foundation Scholarship	The 291 Foundation Social Work Scholarship Fund provides one award for a student demonstrating a high level of academic achievement and significant financial need. Students who receive awards from this Fund shall be known as 291 Foundation Scholars.	\$5,000 Awards issued: 1
New York University Alumni Club Scholarship <i>*No application*</i> Do not submit an application	<i>Full-time or equivalent females</i> with a high level of academic achievement (<i>cumulative GPA of 3.7</i>) who are very active in extracurricular activities. Female applicants approaching the <i>advanced concentration</i> year are considered. **OFA will notify eligible student if they are candidates for this scholarship. **	\$1,000-2,000
Child Welfare Scholarship	Interest and <i>commitment to working in child welfare services</i> . Experience in this area and a high level of academic achievement (<i>cumulative GPA of 3.6 +</i>) is looked upon favorably.	\$3,500 Awards issued: 1-4
Shirley M. Ehrenkranz Scholarship	A high level of academic achievement (<i>cumulative GPA of 3.7 +</i>) is looked upon favorably.	\$1,000 Awards issued: 1
German Society Scholarship	Dedicated to providing social services to impoverished clients, including immigrants. <i>Preference given to applicants of German or Austrian ancestry</i> (proof required) or from the larger geographical territory that was Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire pre-World War I.	\$1,500 Awards issued: 1
Lori Greifer Kaufman Fellowship (This award does not count towards your limit of 3 applications) <i>*Application may be found at the link provided.*</i>	The Lori Greifer Kaufman Fellowship in School Social Work will build a cadre of professionals dedicated to understanding the integral roles of social work and education. These individuals will be leaders who are interested and motivated to think creatively about the ways in which social workers function within schools and, perhaps more importantly, about the ways in which graduate programs educate and support school social workers. This fellowship will be awarded to a group of second year MSW students working in a school or school-related field placement. www.nyu.edu/socialwork/pdf/Greifer-Kaufman.pdf	\$2,500 Awards issued: 1
William and Pearl C. Helbein Scholarship Fund <i>*No application*</i> Do not submit an application	Awarded to academically superior (<i>minimum GPA of 3.7</i>) <i>middle-income</i> students who have above average potential for leadership and service to profession, community and nation. Applicants must be attending full-time or equivalent. **OFA will notify eligible students if they are candidates for this scholarship. **	\$7,000
<i>Award</i>	<i>Criteria for Eligibility</i>	<i>Amount</i>

<p><i>Jewish Foundation for the Education of Women</i></p> <p><i>To apply:</i> Submit a field learning application for the Zelda FLO.</p>	<p>This scholarship is for Advanced Concentration students who are among the cohort accepted into the Zelda Foster Focused Learning Opportunity in Palliative and End of Life Care. This scholarship is for women with significant financial need, who live within 50 miles of New York City and agree to work for two years in an agency providing palliative and/or end of life care in New York City.</p> <p>For more information, please contact: Dr. Susan Gerbino at: susan.gerbino@nyu.edu</p>	<p>\$25,000</p> <p>Awards issued: 2</p>
<p><i>Doris Coleman Kempner Fellowship</i></p>	<p>A high level of academic achievement (<i>cumulative GPA of 3.6 +</i>) is looked upon favorably.</p>	<p>\$1,500</p> <p>Awards issued: 1</p>
<p><i>Eleanore Z. Korman Alumni Association Fellowship</i></p>	<p>A high level of academic achievement (<i>cumulative GPA of 3.6 +</i>) is looked upon favorably.</p>	<p>\$1,000</p> <p>Awards issued: 1</p>
<p><i>LCU Foundation Housing Stipends for Women</i></p>	<p>Women demonstrating a high level of academic achievement. Award is meant for those women who demonstrate hardships that arise in meeting tuition along with housing and living expenses. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. To apply, please follow the instructions included in this document. For more information about the LCU foundation visit: www.lcufoundation.org</p>	<p>\$7,500</p> <p>Awards issued: 8</p>
<p><i>Thomas M. Meenaghan Fellowship</i></p>	<p>A high level of academic achievement (<i>cumulative GPA of 3.6 +</i>) is looked upon favorably.</p>	<p>\$1,000</p> <p>Awards issued: 1</p>
<p><i>Claudia Mann Oberweger Scholarship</i></p>	<p>Commitment to the treatment of alcohol and drug abusing clients. Past or present experience is looked upon favorably.</p>	<p>\$2,000</p> <p>Awards issued: 2</p>

<i>Award</i>	<i>Criteria for Eligibility</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Amy Pearson Memorial Scholarship	This scholarship is awarded in memory of the late Amy Pearson (MSW '97). Ms. Pearson was a dedicated, determined, and gifted woman who sought a second career in social work in order to help others, inspired by the help she received in the wake of a personal tragedy. This scholarship is granted to students seeking a second career helping others by pursuing their MSW at the Silver School of Social Work.	\$2,500 Awards issued: 1
Lucretia J. Phillips Fellowship	A student who demonstrates a high level of academic achievement (<i>cumulative GPA of 3.6 +</i>). He or she must be committed to advocating for social entitlements, social justice and work for the <i>African-American or Caribbean-American</i> communities.	\$1,000 Awards issued: 1
Roth Family Fellowship	Doctoral or master's student with a strong commitment to working with <i>children or adolescents</i> . Experience in this area and a high level of academic achievement (<i>cumulative GPA of 3.6 +</i>) is looked upon favorably.	\$5,000 Awards issued: 1
The Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation, Inc. <i>To apply:</i> Submit a field learning application for the Zelda FLO.	This scholarship, awarded jointly by The Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation and the Silver School of Social Work, is for Advanced Concentration students who are among the cohort accepted into the Zelda Foster Focused Learning Opportunity in Palliative and End of Life Care. This scholarship is for students from under-represented groups who agree to work for two years in an agency providing palliative and/or end of life care to under-served adults and older adults in New York City. For more information, please contact: Dr. Susan Gerbino at: susan.gerbino@nyu.edu	\$7,500 (award is also matched by the school) Awards issued: 2
Elinor A. Seevak Fellowship Fund	A <i>mature woman</i> who has <i>overcome daunting obstacles</i> in her life and has improved the lives of her family and herself. The applicant should possess tolerance and empathy for ethnic and religious groups, integrity and freedom from bigotry. Applicant must demonstrate intelligence and academic ability. NOTE: Please submit a typed statement, no more than 250 words double-spaced, about your 'daunting obstacle(s)'.	\$5,000 Awards issued: 3
Constance McCatherin-Silver Fellowship	Awarded to academically superior (<i>minimum GPA of 3.7</i>) students who are <i>committed to working in the African-American community</i> .	\$5,000 Awards issued: 5-10

Scholarship Application Information

You must submit an application and supporting documentation for **each** scholarship that you apply for based on the format noted below. The Admissions Office will not photocopy materials from your application for admission. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

A maximum of 3 applications will be accepted per student. All others will be discarded. (This applies for the awards listed on the previous 2 pages unless otherwise indicated)

Scholarship application data must be typed and submitted in the order listed below:

I. Identification Information

- A. Scholarship Name
- B. Applicant's Name
- C. University Identification Number (Located on your acceptance letter)
- D. E-mail Address
- E. Local Mailing Address
- F. Daytime Telephone Number
- G. MSW Program Attending (Two Year, Advanced Standing, Extended, etc.)
- H. Gender
- I. Ethnicity

II. Questions (Each answer should be no more than 200 words double-spaced.)

- A. How is your financial situation unique?
- B. What area(s) of social work are you most interested in and why?
- C. Describe a difficult situation with a client where your intervention or interpersonal skills allowed for a positive outcome. (Please focus on experiences from your field placement. If this does not apply to you, please describe a situation from your past employment or volunteer work.)

III. Supporting Documentation

- A. Resume (include field learning practicum, volunteer activities, academic or service honors).
- B. Unofficial copies of undergraduate transcripts (for newly accepted students) or graduate transcripts (for returning students or students with prior masters degree). *Do not have to be sealed.* (For current students this may be obtained using Albert.)

*(Scholarship may require additional statements. See **Note** in list of scholarships.)*

Deadline for submission of Scholarship Application(s) is ****5pm on Monday, June 7, 2010**** unless otherwise specified.

Application(s) must be in our office (address below) in a sealed envelope by this deadline, **not postmarked.**

Anything arriving after the deadline will be considered late and will not be considered. *(Application(s) sent via fax or e-mail is/are unacceptable.)*

Silver School of Social Work
Office of Admissions
1 Washington Square North
New York, NY 10003
Attn: Financial Aid Assistant

Outside Scholarships for 2010-2011

<i>Award</i>	<i>Criteria for Eligibility</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<p><i>UJA-Federation of NY Rose Biller/ Jewish Foundation for Education of Women Scholarship</i></p> <p><i>Obtain application from HFLS at: www.hfls.org/</i></p> <p><i>Deadline: For financial aid assessment form is June 11, 2010. Contact OFA at 212-998-4444</i></p>	<p><i>Jewish students pursuing careers in social work, Jewish communal service, special education or other services in the Jewish community. Residence requirements are all boroughs of New York City, Nassau, Suffolk or Westchester Counties. Award is not renewable each academic year; must re-apply. One scholarship per year provided by UJA-Federation of New York can be awarded to a student.</i></p> <p><i>This year, students must complete the scholarship application online. The application will be available at www.hfls.org. Applications must be submitted no later than June 30, 2010.</i></p>	<p><i>\$5,000</i></p> <p><i>Number of awards varies per year.</i></p>
<p><i>UJA-Federation of NY Jean and Albert Nerken Scholarship Fund</i></p> <p><i>Obtain application from HFLS at: www.hfls.org/</i></p> <p><i>Deadline: For financial aid assessment form is June 11, 2010. Contact OFA at 212-998-4444</i></p>	<p><i>Full-time or equivalent Jewish students maintaining a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. Award is not renewable each academic year; must re-apply. One scholarship per year provided by UJA-Federation of New York can be awarded to a student.</i></p> <p><i>This year, students must complete the scholarship application online. The application will be available at www.hfls.org. Applications must be submitted no later than June 30, 2010.</i></p>	<p><i>\$5,000</i></p> <p><i>Number of awards varies per year.</i></p>

Additional scholarships offered by outside organizations are maintained on the Silver School of Social Work website on the Financial Aid section at:
<http://www.nyu.edu/socialwork/admissions/msw.scholarships.html>

Tuition Discount Awards

<i>Award</i>	<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<p><i>Silver School of Social Work Tuition Scholarship</i></p> <p><i>*No application required*</i></p>	<p>A competitive, merit-based scholarship awarded to <i>new</i> students based upon an excellent evaluation of their admissions application. The School anticipates renewing the scholarship to continuing students if they are in good academic standing and are enrolled full-time (or equivalent). Although this is a merit-based award, students should file a FAFSA.</p>	Varies
<p><i>New Part-time Student Discount</i></p> <p><i>*No application*</i></p>	<p><i>New Extended</i> and <i>Extended-OYR</i> students registered for a minimum of 6 credit hours of professional foundation courses receive a scholarship discount as indicated on their acceptance letter. <i>Students previously enrolled in non-matriculating or those receiving the half-tuition scholarship are ineligible.</i> Students are responsible for registration and service fees for discounted credit.</p>	\$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester for first 2 semesters)
<p><i>Discounted Tuition Reimbursement</i></p> <p><i>Application may be obtained from Registration Services located on Garden Level of SSSW</i></p>	<p><i>Extended, Extended-OYR, Non-Matriculating and 32 Month students working full-time at agencies that host SSW students for field learning.</i> Tuition discount (excluding fees) for professional foundation courses (prefix # S10.). In addition, OYR students receive a discount for one elective taken during the first year, and Extended students receive a discount for Field Instruction I and II. The maximum discount is \$5,000 per academic year. Selected students must maintain enrollment and progress academically toward degree.</p> <p>Application available online at: http://www.nyu.edu/socialwork/students/registration.html</p>	Varies

Financial Aid Application Information

Matriculating students, full-or half-time equivalent, must complete a FAFSA or FAFSA Renewal to be considered for financial aid and/or scholarship assistance. Detailed instructions about the application process for the FAFSA can be found online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. The NYU school code is **002785**.

The U.S. Department of Education will notify applicants within two weeks once the FAFSA is processed. Students will have access to a Student Aid Report (SAR) and should review the financial data for accuracy. Corrections can be made to the SAR online. NYU OFA receives your FAFSA and SAR electronically. They evaluate both your FAFSA and SAR to determine your financial aid package. A financial aid award package for returning students begins in mid-May.

For more information about financial aid award programs including the Federal Stafford Loan and private loans, log onto the OFA Web site at www.nyu.edu/financial.aid.

Students eligible for Federal Stafford Student Loans will receive a *Master Promissory Note (MPN)* or instructions to file an *Electronic Master Promissory Note (eMPN)*. In addition, eligible students may apply for private student loans. Students should receive notification of their loan application within three weeks of submission. Application status is also available online: www.hesc.com or at the private lender Web site. All student loan funding is electronically transmitted to student accounts and posted by the NYU Office of the Bursar. The Office of the Bursar and/or the OFA reviews your enrollment every semester to confirm your eligibility for funding before posting your award. Students can review their bursar account information at www.albert.nyu.edu.

Obtain the free publication, *The Student Guide: Financial Aid from the U.S. Department of Education*, at www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html. Alternatively, send away for it at:
US Department of Education Federal Student Aid Information Center
1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 1-319-337-5665.
If you are hearing impaired and have questions, please contact the TTY line at 1-800-730-8913.

Resources on the Internet

Below is a short list of Web sites about financial aid. We encourage students to research these and other Web sites to pursue scholarships, fellowships and grants.

www.nyu.edu/financial.aid	Comprehensive listing of financial aid information, loans, scholarships, outside scholarship search engines.
www.fafsa.ed.gov	FAFSA on the Web
www.fastweb.com	Provides information about scholarships.
www.finaid.org	Contains financial aid information, including organizations that offer financial assistance.
www.hesc.org	The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (NYS HESC) has information about the TAP award and other NYS grants and scholarships. Also includes information on the NYS loan forgiveness program for social workers.
www.iefa.org	International Educational Financial Aid
www.fdncenter.org	The Foundation Center, 79 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003 Telephone: 213-620-4230
www.socialworkers.org	The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Provides information concerning available social work related grants and scholarships. They are also the main resource and advocate for loan forgiveness programs for social workers.
www.naswfoundation.org	The National Association of Social Workers Foundation (NASWF) is a charitable organization created to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through the advancement of social work practice