



# Scholarship and Fellowship Guidebook 2020-2021

Graduate School of Social Service — Online MSW Program

# Scholarship Information

## American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work-Judith Holm Memorial Student Awards Program

A \$2,000 cash prize for each of the best five papers demonstrating the author's mastery of the essentials of clinical social work and readiness to enter professional practice.

### Next Steps

The deadline for your submission is February 19.

### More Information

**Web:** <http://www.abecsw.org/JHM-award-guidelines.html>

**Phone:** (800) 694-5285

**Email:** Karen@abecsw.org

**Address:** 27 Congress St. #211 Salem, MA 01970

## AHMHP Scholarships

Every year, the Association of Hispanic Mental Health Professionals awards four scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each.

### Eligibility

Prospective applicants must be Hispanic or of Hispanic descent and must be enrolled in a graduate program in the field of mental health (i.e., psychology, nursing, medicine or social work) either at a master's or doctoral level. They should demonstrate adequate academic potential.

### Next Steps

Submit the following:

- an application form
- an essay that speaks of their present or future involvement in mental health in the Hispanic community
- Curriculum Vitae
- a school transcript
- a letter of reference
- a consent statement signed before a notary public to the AHMHP's address on the application form.

### More Information

**Web:** [www.ahmhp.org](http://www.ahmhp.org), [mail@ahmhp.org](mailto:mail@ahmhp.org)

**Address:** Association Hispanic Mental Health Professionals, 55 Exchange Place, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10005

## Alfred V. Taylor Scholarship

Available to baccalaureate or master's level students who are interested in the promotion of political social work practice.

### Next Steps

Submit the following:

- a two-page proposal including a fact sheet with personal information (name, address, social security number)
- a one-page narrative summarizing the applicant's learning objectives in field placement, academic preparation, and career interest in the area of political social work
- academic transcript
- letter from university's field department confirming arrangements for the practicum
- two letters of reference

### More Information

**Completed applications should be mailed to:** Toby Weismiller ACSW, Political Affairs Office, National Association of Social Workers, 7981 Eastern Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910

## American Council of the Blind

Scholarships for blind students admitted to post-secondary academic and vocational programs.

### Eligibility

Eligible applicants are US citizens or resident aliens who are legally blind in both eyes.

### More Information

**Contact:** Patricia Castillo, Coordinator of Affiliate and Membership Services

**Address:** American Council of the Blind, 1155 Fifteenth Street N.W., Suite 720, Washington D.C 20005

**Phone:** 202-467-5081 or 800-424-8666;

**Fax:** 202-467-5088.

## American Association on Health and Disability Scholarship

The mission of the American Association on Health and Disability is to contribute to national, state, and local efforts to promote health and wellness in people with disabilities and identify effective intervention strategies that reduce health disparities between people with disabilities and the general population. AAHD accomplishes its mission through research, education, and advocacy at the national, state, and community level.

Established in 2009, the AAHD Scholarship Program supports students with disabilities pursuing higher education. Royalties from the DHJO and private donations fund the AAHD Scholarship Program.

Scholarships will be limited to under \$1,000 and will be awarded in January.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled full time as an undergraduate school (freshman or beyond) or be enrolled part- or full time in a graduate school, have a documented disability, and be able to provide documentation of their disability. (Applicants who have not yet graduated from high school will not be considered.) In addition, applicants must be a citizen of the United States or a legal resident living in the U.S. and enrolled in an accredited U.S. university. Preference will be given to students majoring in public health, disability studies, disability research, health promotion, or a field related to disability and health.

### **More Information**

**Contact:** Sonia Wadhvani, MA, Coordinator

**Web:** <http://www.aahd.us/initiatives/scholarship-program/>

**Phone:** 201-792-8455

## **American Association of University Women (AAUW) Career Development Grants**

Available to women who are in the early stages of academic studies in order to re-enter the work force, change careers, or advance their current careers. Funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation, and dependent care. Awards range from \$2,000–12,000.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents, have earned a bachelor's degree, and have received their last degree before June 30, 1992. Special consideration is given to qualified AAUW members, women of color, women pursuing their first terminal degree, and women pursuing degrees in nontraditional fields.

### **More Information**

**Web:** <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/career-development-grants/cdg-application/>

**Address:** AAUW, 1310 L St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005

**Phone:** 202.785.7700 or 800.326.2289

**Email:** [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org)

## **American Association of University Women (AAUW) International Fellowships**

Fellowships for full-time graduate or post-graduate study or research in the US and other countries are awarded to women who are not citizens or permanent residents of the US.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must hold the equivalent of a US bachelor's degree, earned before December 1, 1996. Applicants are judged on their professional potential and importance of their studies to their country of origin. Preference will be given to women who show prior commitment to the advancement of women through civic, community, or professional work. Upon completion of their studies, International Fellows must return to their home countries and pursue professional careers.

### **More Information**

**Website:** <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/international-fellowships/>

## American Indian Graduate Center

Graduate fellowships for American Indian and Alaskan Native students. AIGC awards range from \$250 to \$3,000 based on unmet need.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be (a) a member of a federally-recognized American Indian tribe or Alaskan Native group in the US; OR (b) possess one-fourth degree (federally recognized) Indian blood; AND (c) must demonstrate financial need.

### More Information

**Address:** AIGC, 4520 Montgomery Blvd. N.E., Suite 1-B, Albuquerque, NM 87109

**Phone:** 505-881-4584

## American Life Fund

As a national life settlement company, we know that higher education is one of the foundations to success and want to support those looking to further their academia. Once a year, we award a scholarship of \$1,000 to two students who display leadership, a strong work ethic, and an eagerness to learn.

### More Information

**Web:** [www.americanlifefund.com/scholarship](http://www.americanlifefund.com/scholarship).

## Bill Raskob Foundation, Inc.

Provides aid to students primarily through educational loans at no interest (there are no scholarships, grants, or gifts awarded).

### Eligibility

Candidates must be enrolled in an accredited institution for the upcoming school year, and must be a US citizen.

### More Information

**Contact:** Edward Robinson

**Email:** [ed@billraskob.org](mailto:ed@billraskob.org)

**Web:** [www.billraskob.org](http://www.billraskob.org)

**Address:** PO Box 507 Crownsville, MD 21032-0507.

**Phone:** 410-923-9123

**Fax:** 410-923-9124

## Business and Professional Women's Clubs of New York State, Inc.—Grace LeGenre Fellowship Program

Provides \$1,000 fellowships to permanent residents of NY state and citizens of the US, who demonstrate evidence of scholastic ability and financial need.

### Eligibility

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and must currently be registered in full-time graduate studies, and within two years of completing studies in an advanced graduate degree program at an accredited New York State college or university.

### Next Steps

Qualified candidates may go to the Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund web site: [www.gracelegendre.org](http://www.gracelegendre.org). Click on Fellowships (award year). Fill out the application online and send it directly to the email address below or download and print out the 6 pages and mail, fax, or email them with the required documentation by the receipt deadline of February 28th each year.

### More Information

**Contact:** Cynthia B. Gillmore, GLEF Fellowship Chair

**Email:** [CyndyG@aol.com](mailto:CyndyG@aol.com)

**Web:** [www.gracelegendre.org](http://www.gracelegendre.org)

**Address:** 802 S Melcher Street, P. O. Box 200, Johnstown, NY 12095-0200.

**Phone:** (518) 762-8483

**Fax:** (518) 762-2279

## ChameleonJohn Annual Student Scholarships

Our mission at ChameleonJohn.com is to help people save money on their online purchases. That is why we get the best coupon codes from hundreds of online stores around the United States. After having saved money for thousands of consumers, we decided to give a hand to students who are struggling financially and thus established two annual scholarships which give away a total of \$4,500 every year.

### More Information

**Web:** <http://www.chameleonjohn.com/scholarship>

## Connolly Scholarship

This award was established by Genevieve Cunningham in memory of her brother Francis J. Connolly. She requested that the scholarship go to a student in the Graduate School of Social Service who is a graduate of Fordham College. Two students each receive a \$2,000 award. The scholarship is based on financial need and academic achievement.

### Eligibility

For Fordham College alumni. Undergraduate degree has to be from Fordham College, to be eligible.

### Next Steps

Recipients are chosen, by Fordham's Scholarship Committee, on the basis of an essay submitted to Tammy Parks by email [gssfinaid@fordham.edu](mailto:gssfinaid@fordham.edu) at the Graduate School of Social Service, Admissions Office by August 31. Your essay should be no more than two pages, describe what got you interested in the field of human service and the professional goals you wish to attain in a career in human service.

### More Information

**Contact:** Tammy Parks

**Email:** [gssfinaid@fordham.edu](mailto:gssfinaid@fordham.edu)

## Council on Social Work Education—Carl A. Scott Book Scholarships

Available to students from ethnic groups of color (African-American, American Indian, Asian-American, Mexican-American, and Puerto Rican) who are in their last year of study for a social work degree in a baccalaureate or master's degree program accredited by CSWE. Two \$500 scholarships are available.

## More Information

**Web:** [www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org)

**Address:** CSWE, 1701 Duke St., Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314

**Phone:** 703-683-8080

**Fax:** 703-683-8099

## Fagan Award

The Rev. Msgr. John T. Fagan, Executive Director of Little Flower Children's Services of New York, established a scholarship in memory of his parents.

### Eligibility

The award recipient must be a Fordham University student studying and practicing in the field of Child Welfare services with one of the following organizations:

- Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth
- Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
- Sisters of Mercy
- Sisters of St. Dominic
- Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
- Brothers of Mary—Marianist
- A Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, Rockville Centre, or New York
- Staff member of Little Flower Children's Services

### Next Steps

If you meet eligibility requirements for this award, please send a statement of your eligibility and child welfare experience to Tammy Parks at Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service at Lincoln Center, during the month of August by email [gssfinaid@fordham.edu](mailto:gssfinaid@fordham.edu).

## More Information

**Contact:** Tammy Parks

**Email:** [gssfinaid@fordham.edu](mailto:gssfinaid@fordham.edu)

## Giva Semi-Annual Student Scholarship and Worldwide Community Ambassador Award

Giva's Corporate Student Scholarship and Worldwide Community Ambassador Award is for anyone attending a college or university worldwide. This scholarship grant is aimed at assisting undergraduate or graduate students further their education as well as expand their social responsibility and community service footprint in the world. There is no specific course of study or major required.

There are two \$1,000 award cycles each year and the application deadlines are June 1 and December 1. Giva will choose the scholarship winners and will award the scholarships by August 15th and February 15th of each year. Students can only apply once in any 12-month period.

## Eligibility

All students, regardless of major, currently attending a college or university degree program either full or part-time are eligible and encouraged to apply. The candidate must be enrolled and active as a student already, not a high school student and not waiting to attend the college/university. The award is for school tuition so the scholarship check will be written out to the student's educational institution. Giva employees, family relatives and vendors are not eligible.

In addition to the scholarship, winners will be entered into Giva's six-month Worldwide Community Ambassador essay program. Giva will provide a social media platform wherein subsequent essays written by the award winners will be published on the Giva website, as well as other social media. The essays will reflect the personal experiences, perspectives and aspirations of the winners in order to encourage and inspire others.

Your educational institution must post this scholarship announcement on their public web site so that all students at your school have an opportunity to apply. If you found Giva's scholarship on another web site, please advise your school of our scholarship and ask them to please post it on their public web site. Otherwise, you will not be eligible.

## Next Steps

Submit the following by email by the June 1 or December 1 deadline:

- The online application
- A thoughtful 600-1000 word essay that answers the following questions:
  - *How will you use your talents and education to make the world a better place for future generations? What are your career and personal goals and why?*
- A current resume

Essays may be competitively judged in a public forum and posted anonymously on Giva's public web site for judging so do not include private information in your essay or anything you do not want posted on the Internet.

## More Information

[Download an application](#)

## Jackson Graduate Fellowship Program

Provides \$2,000 stipends to NAACP members who are full-time graduate students.

## Eligibility

Applicants must be US citizens under the age of 25.

## More Information

**Contact:** Dr. Beverly P. Cole, Director of Education

**Address:** NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), 4805 Mt. Hope Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215

**Phone:** 410-358-8900



## Japanese American Citizen's League

Offers scholarships to Americans of Japanese ancestry who are a JAACL member, or a dependent of a JAACL member.

### Next Steps

To receive a brochure and application, send a #10 size, self-addressed stamped envelope to the address below.

### More Information

**Address:** Japanese American Citizens League, Graduate Awards, National Scholarship Committee, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115

**Phone:** 415-921-5225

**Fax:** 415-931-4671

**Web:** [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org)

## Jewish Community Centers Association Scholarship Program

Offers tuition grants to master's level students who are interested in a full-time career at a Jewish Community Center. Recipients can receive grants up to \$10,000 per year for a two-year period.

### Eligibility

Applicants should have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better, demonstrate leadership potential, have a Jewish background, and be enrolled in one of the following master's programs: social work, Jewish communal studies, physical education, early childhood education, cultural arts, or other degree program relevant to a career in a Center.

The Gans Scholarship does require a connection to the Capital District of New York. Candidates must satisfy one of the following requirements:

- Present resident of the Capital District for a minimum of one year
- A prior resident who has made significant contribution to the Capital District Jewish community who has moved away to participate in Jewish community work or to pursue his or her education.

### More Information

**Web:** [www.jccworks.com](http://www.jccworks.com)

## The John F. Steinman Fellowship Fund

Offers one or more fellowships to qualified persons seeking advanced study in several fields, including social case work.

### Eligibility

Fellowships will be awarded to those who have dedicated themselves to practicing their profession within Lancaster County, PA. Selection will be made on the basis of scholastic record, personal qualifications, performance, and future promise.

### **More Information**

**Address:** The John Frederick Steinman Fellowship Fund Committee, M. Steven Weaver, Secretary, 8 West King Street, PO Box 1328, Lancaster, PA 17608-1328

## **The Leopold Schepp Foundation**

Offers scholarships to US citizens enrolled on a full-time basis. Awards are given to those under 30 pursuing a baccalaureate degree, and those under 40 pursuing a graduate degree.

### **Next Steps**

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address below.

### **More Information**

**Address:** Leopold Schepp Foundation, 551 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3000, New York, NY 10176

**Phone:** 212-692-0191

**Web:** [www.scheppfoundation.org](http://www.scheppfoundation.org)

## **Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.—Edna Aimes Scholarships**

The Edna Aimes Scholarship is awarded annually by the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. (MHANYS). It is named for Edna Gentry Aimes, who bequeathed funds to MHANYS for the scholarship in 1965. Ms. Aimes was a pioneer in mental health work in Columbia County.

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage the education of individuals to assist in the prevention and treatment of mental illnesses, the promotion of mental health, and the empowerment of adults, children, and families whose lives have been affected by mental illnesses.

### **More Information**

**Address:** MHANYS, 194 Washington Avenue, Suite 415, Albany, NY 12210

**Phone:** 518-434-0439

**Email:** [scholarship@mhanys.org](mailto:scholarship@mhanys.org)

**Web:** [www.mhanys.org/ednaimes.htm](http://www.mhanys.org/ednaimes.htm)

## **National Association of Puerto Rican Social Workers**

Provides scholarship awards to first or second year full-time graduate students presently enrolled in a School of Social Work program.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be able to demonstrate a strong interest in community organization and community advocacy which could potentially impact the Puerto Rican/Latino community. Applicants should also demonstrate financial need and proficient academic performance.

### **More Information**

**Address:** NAPRHSW, PO Box 651, Brentwood, NY 11717

**Web:** [www.naprsw.org](http://www.naprsw.org)

**Phone:** 631-864-1536

## **National Association of Social Workers—Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Offers funds to students enrolled in an MSW program and maintaining a 3.0 GPA. Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to working with, or who have a special affinity with, American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latino populations, or in public and voluntary nonprofit agency settings.

### **More Information**

**Address:** NASW, Gosnell Memorial Scholarship Fund, 750 First Street N.E., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20002-424

**Phone:** 202 336-8298

**Web:** [www.naswfoundation.org/fellowships.asp](http://www.naswfoundation.org/fellowships.asp)

## **National Association of Social Workers—Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship**

Provides financial assistance to students committed to working with African-American communities, especially those interested in improving health care in African-American communities.

### **More Information**

**Address:** NASW Research and Education Fund, Verne Lyons Scholarship Committee, 750 First Street, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20002

**Phone:** 1-800-638-8799, ext. 298

**Web:** [www.naswfoundation.org/fellowships/asp](http://www.naswfoundation.org/fellowships/asp)

## **National Association of Social Workers, NY State Chapter - Westchester Division—Whitney M. Young Jr. Scholarship Program**

Provides small stipends/scholarships to students enrolled in a BSW or MSW program.

### **Eligibility**

Applicant must be a Westchester County resident, or, must be enrolled in a Westchester social work program and must have made a significant social contribution to the Westchester community. Applicant must have demonstrated commitment to social work action/change and must maintain standards of social work values and excellence.

### **More Information**

**Address:** NASW NYS-Westchester Division Box #150 White Plains, NY 10602

**Web:** [www.naswnys.org](http://www.naswnys.org)

**Phone:** 1-800-724-6279 x44

**Email:** Bmulraine@yahoo.com

## **National Education Foundation of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**

Offers scholarships and fellowships for undergraduate and graduate study. Some awards are only offered to members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

### **Next Steps**

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address below.

### **More Information**

**Address:** Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., National Educational Foundation, 1734 New Hampshire Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20009

**Phone:** 202-387-3103

## **National Federation of the Blind Scholarship Program**

Awards a broad array of scholarships to recognize achievement by blind scholars.

### **Eligibility**

All applicants for these scholarships must be (a) legally blind and (b) pursuing or planning to pursue a full-time post-secondary course of study in the United States, except that one scholarship may be given to a full-time employee also attending school part-time. In addition to these restrictions, some scholarships have been further restricted by the donor.

### **More Information**

**Contact:** Ms. Anil, Lewis, Chairman

**Address:** National Federation of the Blind Scholarship Committee, 200 East Wells St, Baltimore, Maryland 21230

**Phone:** 410-659-9314 ext. 2415

## **National Italian American Foundation (NIAF)**

Has a variety of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students of Italian descent; awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

### **More Information**

**Address:** NIAF Scholarship Committee, 1860 Nineteenth Street N.W., Washington, DC 20009

**Phone:** 202-387-0600

## **New York City Board of Education Bilingual Scholarship Program**

The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition (excluding fees) and can be used for full or part-time matriculated study. Awards are made on a semester basis and are ongoing, depending on the availability of funds.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- Be fluent in Spanish, Chinese, or Haitian Creole
- Possess a BA degree
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- Be a citizen or have permanent residency status
- Provide proof of unconditional acceptance as a matriculated graduate student into an approved participating school social work program
- Pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$30 to the New York City Board of Education
- Demonstrate proficiency in English and one of the languages indicated above
- Fulfill all requirements for and shall obtain state certification/Bilingual extension
- In exchange for tuition assistance, students must accept employment (2–5 years) with the New York City public school system after graduation

### **More Information**

**Web:** [www.teachnycprograms.net](http://www.teachnycprograms.net)

## **North Manhattan Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

We are a public service organization dedicated to excellence in academic and cultural achievement. This scholarship is a one-year award in the amount of \$1,500. The Dr. Bessie L. Wright Scholarship has been established to help African-American women in need of financial assistance, who are pursuing careers in human service or ministry. Dr. Wright was a social worker and at the time of her death, she was pursuing a Master of Theology degree in pastoral care and counseling.

Deadline for submission of application is March 15.

### **More Information**

**Address:** North Manhattan Alumnae Chapter Scholarship, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., P.O. Box 3570 Grand Central Station, New York, NY 100163

**Web:** [www.nmacdst.org](http://www.nmacdst.org)

## **PACE: The Political Action Arm of the National Association of Social Workers — New York City Chapter**

The Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE) Committee of the New York City Chapter of the NASW is pleased to offer two scholarships for politically minded social work students. The David Roth Scholarship is for first year students, the Miriam Dinerman is for second year students, and both are at the graduate level. The amount of each scholarship is \$500. Scholarship winners will also be given a one-year free membership or renewal of membership in NASW.

### **[H3] More Information**

Address: 50 Broadway, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10004

**Web:** <http://www.naswnycarchives.net/PACE.htm>

**Email:** [pace@naswnyc.org](mailto:pace@naswnyc.org)

## **PEO Sisterhood—PEO International Peace Scholarship Fund**

Provides scholarships to women who are citizens of all countries except the US and/or Canada. Recipients must promise to carry out graduate studies in US and/or Canada, and to return to own country to pursue career. A maximum award of \$5,000 can only be renewed twice.

### **More Information**

**Address:** PEO Executive Office, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312

## **The Bridgat Scholarship Program**

This type of scholarship is open to graduate students who are pursuing an advanced degree (either master's or Doctoral) in any subject at an accredited institution in the United States. One individual will be designated each year and awarded a one-time scholarship of \$6,500 to support his or her full-time graduate study.

The individual will be selected based on personal statement and resume which demonstrate applicant's academic performance and leadership participation in cross cultural activities. Financial need will not be considered.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- be full-time graduate students currently enrolled at an accredited institution in the U.S. and hold a valid student ID card.
- have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to apply
- be citizens of an Asian country

### **Next Steps**

Write a 750-1000 word personal statement about how cross cultural environment affects your life or the lives of those around you. You may relate a personal story or professional experience to describe how people or events in different cultures have shaped you or influenced your goals.

Resume: Include contact information, education background, professional experience, skills, honors, etc.

The application for the Bridgat Scholarships begins on October 1 and ends on December 31. Applicants should submit their applications by December 31. The Bridgat Scholarship Committee will make decisions on January 15 and recipients will be notified by e-mail.

Please email your personal statement and resume as attachments to [scholarships@bridgat.com](mailto:scholarships@bridgat.com). The email subject should include the phrase "Bridgat Graduate Scholarship Application" and should also include your name, address, and telephone number.

### **More Information**

Email: [scholarships@bridgat.com](mailto:scholarships@bridgat.com)

## **The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans**

The purpose of The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans is to provide opportunities for continuing generations of able and accomplished New Americans to achieve leadership in their chosen fields. The Program is established in recognition of the contributions New Americans have made to American life and in gratitude for the opportunities the United States has afforded the donors and their family.

The Fellowships are grants for up to two years of graduate study in the United States. The recipients are chosen on a nationally competitive basis. Thirty Fellowships will be awarded each year.

## Eligibility

The Program is open to individuals who retain loyalty and a sense of commitment to their country of origin as well as to the United States, but is intended to support individuals who will continue to regard the United States as their principal residence and focus of national identity.

A New American is an individual who

- is a resident alien, i.e., holds a Green Card
- has been naturalized as a US citizen
- is the child of two parents who are both naturalized citizens

The applicant must either have a bachelor's degree or be in her/his final year of undergraduate study. Those who have a bachelor's degree may already be pursuing graduate study and may receive Fellowship support to continue that study. Individuals who are in the third, or subsequent, year of study in the same graduate program are not, however, eligible for this competition. Students who have received a master's degree in a program and are continuing for a doctoral degree in the same program are considered to have been in the same program from the time they began their work on their master's degree.

To be eligible you must not be older than thirty years of age as of NOVEMBER 1.

## Next Steps

Candidates' applications must demonstrate the relevance of graduate education to their long-term career goals and potential in enhancing their contributions to society. Fellowships are not solely awarded on the basis of academic record. The academic record is relevant as evidence of the candidate's ability to complete successfully a graduate degree program and it strengthens the demonstration of achieving the Program's specific criteria for selection.

A successful candidate will give evidence of at least two of the following three attributes or criteria for selection: (1) creativity, originality, and initiative, demonstrated in any area of her/his life; (2) a capacity for accomplishment, demonstrated through activity that has required drive and sustained effort; and (3) a commitment to the values expressed in the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The third criterion includes activity in support of human rights and the rule of law, in opposition to unwarranted encroachment on personal liberty, and in advancing the responsibilities of citizenship in a free society.

## More Information

Address: The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships For New Americans 400 West 59th Street, New York, NY 10019

Phone: 212 547-6926

Fax: 212 548-4623

Email: [pdsoros\\_fellows@sorosny.org](mailto:pdsoros_fellows@sorosny.org)

Web: [www.pdsoros.org](http://www.pdsoros.org)

## **The Organization of American States (OAS) – Department of Human Development – The Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund**

Helps citizens from Latin America and Caribbean countries to finance their higher education and achieve their educational and professional goals in universities across the United States by awarding interest-free loans.

Supplementary aid of up to US \$15,000 (for living expenses, tuition, or emergencies not covered by their principal source of finance).

**Applications are accepted and reviewed year-round – there are no deadlines.**

### **Eligibility**

Loans are granted for graduate and undergraduate studies. Scholars, researchers, and professionals are also eligible to obtain funding for exchange programs and professional development courses lasting minimum one academic semester.

These highly subsidized loans are made with the understanding that upon completion of their studies, beneficiaries commit to repay the loan in full and return to their home countries to apply their knowledge and training to the economic and social advancement of the developing countries within the Americas.

### **More Information**

Web: [www.oas.org/rowe](http://www.oas.org/rowe)

Address: 1889 F St NW 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006

Email: [rowefund@oas.org](mailto:rowefund@oas.org)

Phone: 1(202) 458-6208

Fax: 1(202) 458-3897

## **The Roothbert Fund, Inc.**

Provides scholarships to graduate level students who are motivated by spiritual values. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$4,000. Interested students should apply between December and February of academic year prior to entering the program. Application deadline is February 1.

### **More Information**

Address: The Roothbert Fund, Inc., 475 Riverside Drive, Rm. 1830, New York, NY 10015

Web: [www.roothbertfund.org](http://www.roothbertfund.org)

Email: [mail@roothbertfund.org](mailto:mail@roothbertfund.org)

Phone: 212-870-3116

## **The Ruth M. Batson Educational Foundation**

Provides financial assistance to African-American students who need aid as a supplement to financial aid grants, loans, and scholarships. The foundation also provides emergency grants to African-American students who need special assistance to remain in school. Grants range from \$500 to \$1,500. Applications must be received by the end of June prior to entering the academic program.



### **Next Steps**

Interested students are expected to submit supportive documents regarding financial need, character, scholastic, and extra-curricular achievements.

### **More Information**

Address: The Ruth M. Batson Educational Foundation, 250 Cambridge Street, Suite 701, Boston, MA 02114

## **State of New York, Governor's Office of Employee Relations, PSTP Voucher Program**

This is the tuition support program administered by the Governor's Office of Employee Relations (GOER) to meet the educational needs of New York State employees in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (PS&T) Unit.

### **More Information**

Contact: Shelia Brand

Phone: (518) 408-1889

Fax: (518) 474-8587

Email: sbrand@goer.state.ny.us

## **Leonard and Helen R. Stulman Endowed Scholars—Central Scholarship Bureau**

The sponsor provides grants up to \$5,000 for bilingual students pursuing graduate degrees in social work or mental health fields. Strong preference will be given to Spanish speakers.

Applications for the academic year opens January 1 and closes April 1.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants must be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident. Applicants should have a GPA above 2.0 and a family income below \$90,000 a year, or \$66,000 a year for students pursuing career and technology training. One must be planning to attend an accredited United States college, university, community college or career school in the upcoming academic year.

### **More Information**

Address: 6 Park Center Court Suite #211, Owings Mills, MD 21117 U.S.A.

Email: gohigher@central-scholarship.org

Web: <http://www.central-scholarship.org/scholarships/graduate-and-professional-degrees/Application>

Instructions: <http://www.central-scholarship.org/how-to-apply/application-eligibility-instructions/>

Phone: 855-276-0239

Fax: 410-415-5501

## **Veterans Tuition Awards**

Veterans Tuition Awards (VTA) are awards for full-time and part-time study for eligible veterans matriculated at an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution or in an approved vocational training program in New York State.

## Eligibility

Eligible veterans are those who are New York State residents discharged under honorable conditions from the U.S. Armed forces and who are:

- Vietnam Veterans who served in Indochina between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.
- Persian Gulf Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf on or after August 2, 1990.
- Afghanistan Veterans who served in Afghanistan during hostilities on or after September 11, 2001.
- Veterans of the armed forces of the United States who served in hostilities that occurred after February 28, 1961 as evidenced by receipt of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal or a Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.

## More Information

Contact: HESC Scholarship Unit

Phone: 1-888-697-4372

## Westchester County—Ruth Taylor Scholarships

Available to Westchester County residents pursuing graduate studies in social work or Public Health. The average annual award is \$1,000.

## More Information

Contact: Liset Reid at United Way of Westchester

Email: [lreid@uwwp.org](mailto:lreid@uwwp.org)

Web: [www.uwwp.org/ruth-taylor-award-fund.htm](http://www.uwwp.org/ruth-taylor-award-fund.htm)

## The Wiener Educational Center

Offers scholarships to outstanding students preparing for careers in the Jewish communal sector, and they consider applicants who are pursuing the following degrees:

- Clinical psychology
- Jewish education
- Nonprofit business administration or nonprofit management
- Public administration
- Rabbinic ordination
- Social work

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must be studying in the New York area full-time, be United States citizens or permanent residents, and have an interest in working in New York's Jewish communal sector. Scholarship recipients are required to intern within UJA-Federation of New York's network of agencies, area synagogues or day schools while receiving scholarship funds, and to work in those settings, here in the UJA-Federation of NY catchment area, for a minimum of two years after graduation. Scholarship recipients also participate in a number of educational seminars throughout the year to grapple with some of the key challenges facing the organized Jewish community.

## **More Information**

**Contact:** Sivan Kerem

**Email:** [kerems@ujafedny.org](mailto:kerems@ujafedny.org)

**Phone:** 212.836.1661

**Web:** <http://www.ujafedny.org/graduate-scholarships/>

# Loan Forgiveness Programs

## **HESC NYS Licensed Social Worker Loan Forgiveness Program**

The Licensed Social Worker Loan Forgiveness Program is being offered to increase the number of licensed social workers working in critical human service areas in the following fields: health, mental health, substance abuse, aging, HIV/AIDS and child welfare or communities with multilingual needs. The maximum award under this program will be \$26,000.00 or the applicant's eligible student loan indebtedness at the time they apply, whichever is less.

### **More Information**

**Phone:** 1-888-697-4372

## **The Board of Education Program of the City of New York, Division of Human Resources—Loan Forgiveness Program**

Repays student loans to eligible applicants in exchange for their employment in shortage area positions. To qualify, students must meet eligibility requirements.

### **More Information**

**Web:** <https://www.ny.gov/agencies/higher-education-services-corporation>

## **NHSC Loan Repayment-Service Commitments**

Corps members are required to practice full-time for at least two years in a NHSC-approved site. Approved sites are located across the country in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

Corps members are required to engage in full-time clinical practice of the profession for which they were awarded a NHSC loan repayment award, at their approved site. Many types of health care facilities are NHSC-approved sites. About half of Corps members serve in federally-supported health centers. Other approved sites are rural and Indian Health Service clinics, public health department clinics, hospital-affiliated primary care practices, managed care networks, prisons, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement sites.

### **More Information**

**Web:** <http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/>

## **Stafford Loan Forgiveness for Volunteer Work**

These volunteer organizations offer federal Stafford loan forgiveness:

### **AmeriCorps**

Serve for 12 months and receive up to \$7,400 in stipends, plus \$4,725 to be used towards your loan. Call 1-800-942-2677. [www.americorp.gov](http://www.americorp.gov)

### **Peace Corps**

Volunteers may apply for deferment of Stafford, Perkins and consolidation loans and partial cancellation of Perkins Loans (15% for each year of service). Volunteers make a real difference in the lives of real people with two years of service in more than 70 developing countries. Contact the Peace Corps at 1111 20th St., NW, Washington, DC 20526 or call 1-800-424-8580 or 1-202-692-1845.

### **Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)**

Volunteer with private, non-profit groups that help eradicate hunger, homelessness, poverty and illiteracy. Provide 1700 hours of service and receive \$4725. Call 1-800-942-2677 or 1-202-606-5000.

### **Military Stafford Loan Forgiveness**

Students who are in the Army National Guard may be eligible for their Student Loan Repayment Program, which offers up to \$10,000. (Note, the military and veterans' associations provide many scholarships and tuition assistance programs. See the section on Military Aid for details.) This practice is comparable for federal Stafford loan forgiveness.

# Additional Resources

The following are financial aid Web sites. Students are encouraged to research these sites to pursue scholarships, grants, and fellowships.

<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>

This website provides links to a variety of general scholarship and fellowship databases.

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

FastWEB provides free financial aid searches through the web.

Set up a personalized profile and FastWEB will match your qualification to their database of scholarships.

<http://www.srnexpress.com/>

SRN Express is a free web version of the Scholarship Resource Network (SRN) database.

<https://www.ny.gov/agencies/higher-education-services-corporation>

The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (NYS HESC) has information about NYS grants, scholarships, and the NYS loan forgiveness program for social workers.

<http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/>

Collegenet MACH25 is a free searchable database of more than 500,000 private sector awards from 1,570 sponsors.

<http://scholarships.salliemae.com/>

Sallie Mae's Online Scholarship Service offers free access to the College Aid Sources for Higher Education database.

[www.iefacenter.org/scholarships](http://www.iefacenter.org/scholarships)

The International Financial Aid Center scholarship search tool provides access to awards from all across the globe.