School of Social Work Student Awards
Informational Session
1. Can an Outreach/iMSW student apply for awards?
Any student enrolled in 12 or more hours is eligible to apply for Spring awards.

2. I want to apply for an award, but am not in the focus area that it states. Can I still apply?
Students should apply for only the awards where they meet the eligibility criteria. For example, if an award states “for a Mental Health student...,” a student focused on Health Care or CYFS is not eligible.

3. I am currently in my field placement. Which awards am I eligible for – and are there specific awards for those in their field placement?
Students in their field placement are eligible to apply for any Spring award as long as they are enrolled in 12 hours. The Fund for Field and Downing Field Education awards are only for students in their field placement. In order to be eligible for the Downing award, you must not be receiving a stipend. For the Fund for Field award, applicants without a stipend receive priority.

4. I am applying for several awards. Can I submit the same essay for more than one award application?
No. Each application will have an essay question specific to that award. You must personalize each essay to the specific award you are applying for.
Frequently Asked Questions

5. Some of the awards ask for a letter of support. How should we include these in our application(s)?

Letters of support should come directly from the person(s) writing the letter and be sent directly to Amy Frederick at aeweber2@Illinois.edu.

6. How are the awards dispersed?

Awards will be applied to your student account.

7. Where are the awards located on the website?

For BSW students
http://socialwork.illinois.edu/academics/financial-assistance/awards/bsw-awards-application/

For MSW students
http://socialwork.illinois.edu/academics/financial-assistance/awards/msw-awards-application/

For PhD students
http://socialwork.illinois.edu/academics/financial-assistance/awards/phd-awards/

Fund for Field
http://socialwork.illinois.edu/academics/financial-assistance/awards/fund-for-field/
Awards Application

Important Dates

• Informational sessions: January 17, 18, 22, 23
• Applications go live: January 22
• Application deadline: February 16 by 5:00 p.m.
  – All materials must be submitted by the due date: application, resume, personal statement, and letter of support (if applicable)
• Awards decisions made by: March 9
• Awards Day 2018: Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the iHotel. Awardees will sit with the donor(s) of your award.
Overview of Awards: BSW

Gary Shaffer Memorial BSW Award
• Further information about this award will be sent via email at a later date.

Jennifer Lynn Fry Memorial BSW Award
• This scholarship is awarded to a full-time BSW student who has demonstrated commitment in working with people who are victims of sexual crimes by means of advocacy, leadership, experience, research or career plans.
• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement
John K. Gibson Award in Social Work

- This scholarship was established in honor of John K. Gibson by his loving wife, Nancy White-Gibson. The recipient of this scholarship must be a full-time BSW student who has demonstrated commitment to any of the following: social justice, restorative justice, civil rights, and/or experience working with marginalized persons.
- Requirements: submit a current resume, a personal statement, and at least one letter of support from a person familiar with your interests and experience, including faculty and staff of the School and social work professionals.

Mark P. Hale Award

- This award, in honor of the second dean of the School, is designated for an outstanding BSW student who demonstrates potential for making a significant contribution to the profession of social work.
- The recipient of this award must be nominated by a faculty member.
Patricia L. Morey Award

• This award is designated for a BSW student who has demonstrated interest in working with survivors of interpersonal violence through advocacy, counseling, or education. This may be demonstrated through leadership, research, class work, or work experience.

• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement

Susan & Michael Haney Social Work Award

• This award is designated for a part- or full-time BSW student in their junior or senior year who meets the following criteria: academic achievement, financial need, volunteer service, leadership, work history, and passion for social justice.

• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement
Overview of Awards: MSW

Adah Hopkins Aime Award
• Awarded to a current MSW student who is balancing many obligations while attending graduate school, who is handling these obligations in a positive, professional manner, and for whom the award would assist them in meeting the educational demands of graduate school.
• A student may be nominated by a peer, faculty, and or/staff but **cannot self-nominate.**

Becca Nimmer Marcus Award
• Awarded to a full-time MSW student who has identified the field of mental health as an area of professional interest and intends to practice in this area upon graduation.
• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement.
Christie Foundation Award
• Further information about this award will be sent via email at a later date.

Downing Field Education Award
• Awarded to a current MSW student currently participating in an unpaid internship and involved in community organizing or advocacy.
• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement

Educational Opportunity Award
• This award is made possible by funds from an anonymous donor dedicated to the field of Social Work with the hope that the fund will increase the number of minority social workers in practice. Awarded to a full-time MSW student who is a member of a federally recognized Native American Indian tribe, African-American, or Latino heritage.
• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement
Janice M. Hartman Memorial Award
• Awarded to a female MSW student who has worked in the field and is returning to school.
• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement

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• Requirements: submit a current resume, a personal statement, and at least one letter of support from a person familiar with your interests and experience, including faculty and staff of the School, and social work professionals
Marietta Stevenson Award
• This award is made possible by funds contributed in memory of Marietta Stevenson, first Dean of the School of Social Work. The recipient must have a policy interest which is supported by demonstrating leadership in class projects, student organizations, and/or community/internship experiences.
• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement

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Patchner-Ramanathan Award
• This award is made possible by funds contributed by former Associate Professor Michael Patchner and retired Professor Pallassana R. Balgopal in memory of their parents. Applicant must be a full-time student who has identified health care or service to the elderly as an area of professional interest and intends to practice in that area upon graduation.
• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement
Patricia L. Morey Award
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• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement

Ron Moorman Award
• This award is made possible by funds contributed in honor of Ron Moorman, retired CEO of the Child Care Association of Illinois. The recipient must be a full-time student who has identified the field of child welfare as an area of professional interest and intends to practice in that area upon graduation.
• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement

Roxie A. Watson Award
• This award is made possible by funds contributed in memory of Roxie A. Watson. The recipient must be a current MSW student who has succeeded in their academic pursuits despite encountering obstacles to success. The award shall be given to a student who demonstrated a desire to make a difference but who may not typically qualify for assistance with priority given to single parents, direct caregivers, and veterans with secondary preference given to students have encountered other significant personal obstacles.
• Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement
Samuel and Ruth Blinick Memorial Award in Geriatrics

- Awarded to a full-time MSW student who plans to work with the elderly population upon graduation.
- Requirements: submit a current resume and personal statement

Shirley Wattenberg Award

- This award is made possible by funds contributed in memory of Shirley Wattenberg, Associate Professor emerita who was a faculty member from 1965-1988 at the School of Social Work. The recipient must be a full-time student who has identified the field of health care as an area of professional interest and intends to practice in that area upon graduation.
- Requirements: submit a current resume, a personal statement
**Fund for Field**

**MSW**
- Student is currently participating in an internship, is **not** receiving a stipend or any other type of payment (this includes returning to employment) and has a GPA of 3.33 or higher.
- Students must meet all eligibility criteria and demonstrate a need for financial funding. **Students completing two semester internships will be given priority.** This is a competitive selection process. Not all who meet eligibility requirements will receive an award.
- Submit an updated resume and a 1-2 page double-spaced personal statement justifying financial need.

**BSW**
- Student is currently participating in an internship and is enrolled in SOCW 470 & 471, is **not** receiving a stipend from his/her internship or any other type of payment (this includes returning for employment), and has a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Students meet all eligibility criteria and demonstrate a need for financial funding. This is a competitive selection process. Not all who meet eligibility requirements will receive an award.
- Submit an updated resume and a 1-2 page personal statement justifying financial need.
Overview of Awards: PhD

**Ackerson Award for Excellence in Student Teaching**
- Established in 2014 by emeritus professor, Dr. Barry Ackerson, the Ackerson Award for Excellence in Student Teaching is given to a student who excels in teaching while in the pursuit of a doctoral degree.
- Faculty, peer doctoral students, or students being taught by the nominee wishing to nominate a PhD student for this award should submit a 1-2 page letter identifying the student and justifying the nomination. ICES scores will be taken into consideration.

**Cynthia J. Bell PhD Memorial Award**
- This award was established by family and friends of Cynthia J. Bell, PhD alumna. Awarded to female students. Focus must be in child welfare or law.
- Submit a 2-3 page double-spaced statement describing your research project.
Ernie Gullerud Dissertation Award
- Established in 2000 by Ernie Gullerud, retired Associate Professor. This award is designated for a PhD student in support of dissertation defense. Must have passed dissertation proposal hearing.
- Submit a 2-3 page double-spaced statement describing your research project.

Daniel Sanders Fellowship in International Social Development
- This award is made possible by funds from Christobel S. Sanders, whose husband was former Dean at the School of Social Work. The purpose of this award is to support a PhD candidate who has an interest in international social development.
- Submit a 2-3 page double-spaced statement describing your research project.

International Studies Dissertation Award
- This award is made possible by funds contributed by former School of Social Work Professor Steven Anderson to support international students working on their dissertation. Must have passed dissertation proposal hearing. Focus must be: 1) social work or social development issues in a developing country (1st priority); or 2) international or domestic poverty issues (2nd priority).
- Submit a 2-3 page double-spaced statement describing your research project.
Any Questions?