

School of Social Welfare Scholarships

The School of Social Welfare offers scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students. Because of the generosity of our donors – alumni and friends – the School has awarded over forty scholarships in the past year. The 2009-2010 scholarship cycle was announced in November and applications are due December 1, 2009. School of Social Welfare scholarship recipients are celebrated at a presentation ceremony in May and at an annual scholarship luncheon honoring awardees and donors.

2009 – 2010 School of Social Welfare Scholarship Cycle

We are pleased to invite all students to submit an application and faculty to submit nominations for the School of Social Welfare scholarships to be awarded for the 2010 Spring semester.

Awards are competitive, and recipients are selected based upon the specific criteria set forth for each scholarship. The selection process will be completed in December. All students will be notified of scholarship decisions by mail, so please provide an accurate address on your application form. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Services Office at (518) 591-8754 or ppanepinto@uamail.albany.edu

Students

The brief student scholarship application form with a scholarship list as well as a list of the history and criteria for each scholarship are available online and in the Student Services Office, Richardson Hall (RI) 112. Students may apply for as many scholarships for which they qualify (only one application form is necessary).

Complete applications for all scholarships **(except the Ralph and Judith Sidman Memorial Scholarship applicants)** must be received by 4:30pm, December 1, 2009 in the Student Services Office, Richardson 112, hard copy or email [ppanepinto@uamail.albany.edu].

The Ralph and Judith Sidman Memorial Scholarship Application must be received by 4:30pm, December 1, 2009 in the Community and Public Service Program Office SS112, hard copy or email [Swalsh@uamail.albany.edu]

A complete student scholarship application must include the following:

1. An application form ([click here](#)).
2. A brief statement addressing the following:
 - a. Your learning goals in your academic program and your future career goals.
 - b. How you are qualified for the scholarship(s).
 - c. How this funding will help you in continued studies.
3. Letter(s) of recommendation (see application form).
4. A résumé or curriculum vitae, including your grade point average.
5. For Ph.D. applicants only for the William Reid Endowment and Bonnie Carlson Scholarship: also include an approved proposal including an abstract, a budget for dissertation expenses, an expected date of completion, and the names of your doctoral committee members.

Faculty

The faculty scholarship nomination form is available online and in the Student Services Office, RI 112. Complete nomination forms must be received by 4:30pm, December 1, 2009 in the Student Services Office, RI 112, hard copy or by email [ppanepinto@uamail.albany.edu].

Based on a faculty nomination, the Assistant Dean's Office will contact the student via email and ask him/her to complete the student scholarship application form with the required documentation. The faculty nomination and student scholarship application forms with the required documentation

will be submitted to the School of Social Welfare Scholarship Committee for consideration in awarding scholarships.

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http://www.albany.edu/financialaid/scholarships_main.shtml
<http://www.albany.edu/uafoundation/142.htm>

How do I apply for a School of Social Welfare scholarship?

<http://www.albany.edu/ssw/scholarships>

Who is eligible?

- a) You need to be a current student at the University or have received an acceptance letter for the Spring 2010 semester at the time of application.
- b) Applicants must be matriculated for the 2009-2010 academic year.
- c) All current SSW students are eligible except those graduating in December 2009. However, December 2009 graduates may apply for the Ralph & Judith Sidman Scholarship.
- d) See history and criteria for specific scholarship eligibility requirements.

Do I need to apply separately for each scholarship for which I want to be considered?

No, you need to submit only one application indicating the scholarships for which you wish to be considered.

Can I receive more than one scholarship in any academic year?

Yes, you are eligible to receive more than one scholarship in any academic year. However, each scholarship may be awarded only once to any individual.

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We encourage all students to apply for scholarships. Some scholarships are given based on academic merit or other conditions.

However, many scholarships are need-based. The only authorized means by which we can confirm your financial need is if you have a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form on file with the Office of Financial Aid. The link to this form is found at <http://www.albany.edu/financialaid/> or at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Please review the Office of Financial Aid's scholarship information.

If you feel it will negatively impact your funding by receiving scholarship money, you may apply for the award for the academic recognition, and decline the monetary part.

How does the financial part work?

Scholarships are considered financial aid for the same academic year in which they are received. The scholarship money is deposited into your student account. It may automatically be used to reduce loans. The financial aid office will make every attempt to allow the scholarship to be an additional financial aid resource in cases where the student has other financial aid awards. However, federal regulations may require other financial aid awards to be reduced. In these cases, student loans will be the first aid award to be adjusted to allow for the receipt of the scholarship.

Who makes the decisions for scholarship awards?

Decisions for scholarship awards are made by the School of Social Welfare Scholarship Selection Committee with the exception of The Frank J. Filippone '41 – Hillside House Scholarship award. Members of the committee include a faculty chair, three additional faculty members, one doctoral student, one master's student, and one undergraduate in the School, all appointed by the Dean of the School of Social Welfare. The committee will review all nominations and will grant the awards for the 2010 Spring semester. You will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision by mail.

Important note:

The Frank J. Filippone '41 – Hillside House Scholarship award is made by the decision of a committee comprised of representatives from three UAlbany schools. The committee will review all nominations and will grant the award in the Spring 2010.

What scholarships need a separate application?

There is a separate application process for the U.S.-Africa Partnership Summer Study Tour scholarships. Please click on this link for more information.

There is a separate application process for the Internships in Aging Project (IAP) scholarships. Please click on this link for more information.