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Charles and Charlotte Buchanan Endowed Scholarship for a Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar Student

**History:** Established in 2008 by Charles and Charlotte Buchanan, this scholarship will help advance the education and career aspirations of a student enrolled in or who has been enrolled in the Sponsor-A-Scholar (SAS) program. SAS students demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to their education and are motivated to achieve academically. The program provides the support students need to successfully complete high school and to prepare for college and beyond. This scholarship furthers the School’s commitment to high-need youth in our schools. SAS began in the Capital District of New York in 1996.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to a UAlbany undergraduate student who is or has been enrolled in the Sponsor-A-Scholar program. First preference is for the scholarship recipient to be admitted to or pursuing a degree in the School of Social Welfare.

Ladan Alomar Endowed Scholarship Fund

**History:** Established in 2010 to honor Ladan Alomar and her years of community service.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to advance the career aspirations of a student enrolled in the School of Social Welfare. Preference is for the scholarship to be awarded to a Latino or Latina student.

Ralph & Judith Sidman Memorial Fund

**History:** Established by Mrs. Judith Sidman in memory of her husband, a former University at Albany employee, this scholarship is awarded to a UAlbany student who has shown a commitment to community service and has completed at least 160 hours of volunteer work through the Community and Public Service Program. After the death of Judith Sidman in 2009, the scholarship was renamed by her two sons to include both their mother’s and father’s names.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded annually to a UAlbany undergraduate student from the Capital Region who has completed at least two courses of the Community and Public Service Program (CPSP) in two different semesters. The Capital Region includes the following counties: Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington. It is open to students in all academic disciplines. The committee will consider each candidate on the basis of the following items: 1) commitment to the public good; 2) contribution to the Capital Region; 3) good academic performance; 4) financial need; 5) a letter of support from the student’s agency supervisor.

School of Social Welfare Scholarship Fund

**History:** This scholarship was established in 2010.

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Seth W. Spellman Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Distinguished Service

**History:** This scholarship was established in recognition of the outstanding contributions that Professor Spellman made to the University at Albany. He was a professor at the University from 1967-85, during which time he served as Dean of the School of Social Welfare, Dean of the James E. Allen Collegiate Center, Special Assistant to the University President, and acting chair of the Department of African and Afro-American Studies. In 1984, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Professorship by the University Board of Trustees in recognition of his many contributions.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be given to a student in the School’s baccalaureate or MSW program who has achieved academic excellence and demonstrated exemplary community leadership and service.
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South Korean Endowed Scholarship

History: This scholarship was established in 2012 by UAlbany School of Social Welfare alumni from South Korea to advance the education, clinical skills, and career aspirations of students, preferably South Koreans.

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William Roth Endowed School of Social Welfare Scholarship

History: This scholarship was established in 2009 to honor one of the School’s professors, Dr. William Roth, when he was named the University at Albany’s first Vincent O’Leary Professor. Dr. Roth is one of the founders of America’s disability rights movement. His work over the years addresses the architectural, transportation, and technological barriers in the United States. He has authored or coauthored several landmark studies including “The Unexpected Minority: Handicapped Children in America” and “The Grand Illusion: Stigma, Role Expectations, and Communication.” These are widely acknowledged as providing the analytical basis for the disability rights movement as well as fostering a new academic discipline, Disability Studies. Dr. Roth’s work emphasizes the movement’s core vision: the most socially incapacitating aspects of disability are not the inescapable consequence of biology but the result of countless social decisions that do not acknowledge the needs of people with different bodies and, indeed, discriminate against people whose bodies are different. He pioneered the use of computer technology for people with disabilities and in 1984 founded the Center for Computing and Disability at the University at Albany, one of the first such centers in the nation.

Criteria: A scholarship will be awarded to a student who is enrolled in the School of Social Welfare with first preference to a student with a physical disability and second preference to a student with any other disability. Recipient must demonstrate academic achievement.

Dennis Dooley Scholarship

History: As a returning student, Dennis Dooley faced many challenges and sacrificed much to realize his lifelong dream of returning to school and finishing his education. Tragically, his life ended before he was able to complete his ultimate goal of attaining a Ph.D., but along the way he helped so many. His spirit and energy lives on in the hearts of his family and friends, and continues to inspire all who knew him. This scholarship was created to help another returning student in the pursuit of his or her dream.

Criteria: A scholarship will be awarded to a returning graduate student in the School’s MSW or doctoral program who demonstrates an interest in and commitment to serving the elderly and their families.

Dr. Frank J. Filippone ‘41 – Hillside House Scholarship

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Criteria: A scholarship will be awarded in the Spring semester to a matriculated graduate student in the School’s MSW or doctoral program who demonstrates an interest in helping people with developmental disabilities and also demonstrates financial need and academic achievement. This scholarship is also open to students in the master’s or doctoral program in the School of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Psychology.
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Dr. Shirley J. Jones’ Award for International Community Building

**History:** This scholarship was established by Dr. Shirley J. Jones in recognition of the need to promote international education and to direct the results of this education so that it will lead to leadership, effective change, community building, global peace, security, and unity. Dr. Jones received the highest designation for service and commitment to the University at Albany when she was named a Collins Fellow in 1999. Named a State University of New York Distinguished Professor in the School of Social Welfare in 1993 and an Academic Citizen Laureate by The University at Albany Foundation in 2000, Dr. Jones has taught courses spanning the study of social welfare policy, practice, human behavior, rural social work issues, and the social environment. She was the founder of the School’s US-Africa Partnership Summer Study tours. Prior to joining the UAlbany faculty in 1988, she was Dean of the School of Social Welfare at the University of Southern Mississippi and a faculty member at the State University at Stony Brook.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be given to a graduate student in the School’s MSW or doctoral program, preferably of Black African descent, who has demonstrated characteristics of a leader and change agent (e.g., proactive, creative, innovative, a willingness to take appropriate risks and challenges, advocacy for social and economic justice); a financial need; and an interest in international community building.

Elfrieda Textores Endowed Scholarship

**History:** This scholarship was established by William Textores in memory of his wife, Elfrieda Textores. She was a spearhead for change and a role model for all. She dedicated her life to crime-fighting and community revitalization programs in the South End community of Albany. Among Elfrieda’s most notable contributions was the painstaking cataloging of vacant and abandoned buildings, which she used to call for the revitalization of the community as the president of the South End Concerned Citizens group. One of her many successes was convincing officials to restore the Lincoln Park Pool. Elfrieda stimulated many positive changes within the South End community. Elfrieda’s vision for the reconstruction of the South End was a constant progression toward a community in which its residents could take pride and responsibility in making it a better place to live for all.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student in the School’s MSW or doctoral program who demonstrates a commitment to community service and community building for at-risk or underserved populations in the inner city.

Florence Frazier Graduate Scholarship

**History:** This scholarship was established to honor Florence Frazier ’72 and to reflect the commitment to uphold the standards of excellence in professional education, advocacy, and community service for which she is known.

**Criteria:** Scholarships will be awarded to one male and one female MSW student, preferably of African-American descent, enrolled in the School’s Clinical Practice Concentration.

Janet D. Perloff Endowment

**History:** This scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Janet Perloff, who was the School of Welfare Associate Dean for Research and a professor of Social Welfare and Public Health. Recognized for her dedication, leadership and significant academic contributions in research, teaching and service activities, Dr. Perloff received the University at Albany 2002-2003 Excellence in Academic Service Award. She dedicated her life’s work to public health and social welfare issues and has been nationally known for her scholarly contributions in the areas of maternal and child health.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to an MSW student in the joint degree program in Social Welfare and Public Health who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership and an interest in a career which combines public health and social welfare.

Kathryn Zox ‘83 Scholarship

**History:** This scholarship was established by Kathryn Zox, a 1983 alumna of the School of Social Welfare, and her mother, Ellen Wasserman. Kathryn is a therapist with a Master’s Degree in Counseling and in Social Work. She is a nationally recognized radio host, ‘Your Social Worker with a Microphone’ ™. Her experiences as a
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Clinical social worker, community volunteer and entertainer are the background for providing 21st century solutions to social work issues, especially as they relate to women and families. Kathryn is the recipient of the University at Albany Alumni Association’s 2008 Excellence in Public Service Award and is a Public Service Professor in the School of Social Welfare. She is also the host of the School’s UAlbany Radio Show – The Social Workers on WCDB 90.9 FM.

Criteria: A scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in the School’s MSW program who demonstrates financial need and is a United States citizen. Preference should be given to applicants who are women.

Kenneth (Kent) Price Brown II Fund

History: This scholarship was established in memory of Kent Brown, who dedicated his life to serving the aging HIV/AIDS population and the aging suffering from other physical disabilities. Although his life was cut short, his friends and family did not want to see his dreams and goals die with him. For that reason, the endowment was created to provide financial assistance to graduate level students whose goals include assisting the aging who suffer from HIV/AIDS and other disabilities, and/or working to dismantle barriers to resources and services.

Criteria: A scholarship will be given to a graduate student in the School’s MSW or doctoral program who is committed to serving the aging who suffer from HIV/AIDS or other physical disabilities.

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Nola R. Hooper Scholarship

History: This scholarship was established by Hal Lawson and Katharine Briar-Lawson in memory of Katharine’s grandmother, Nola Rieffanaugh Hooper. Nola graduated in 1913 from the present-day UAlbany downtown campus, then known as the New York State Normal School. She was always very proud of her diploma from the world’s premier teacher’s college. Her early career involved teaching at least four languages in high schools in the region and in the Midwest. She was an innovative teacher who was very committed to her students. Her facility with languages gave her the capacity to reach out to high need children in other countries. She became interested in helping disadvantaged children and families and supporting children in Greece through Save the Children’s Federation. She helped raise entire generations of children out from poverty with her donations and then was able to visit them in person.

She is the author of Bee Hives and Apron Strings and numerous short stories, poetry, and musical lyrics. During World War I, her language skills were tapped as she provided help with intelligence work involving translations. Throughout her life she brought her zest for living, her indomitable energy and creativity to her many pursuits including her many civic engagements. She was a leader in the PTA, YWCA, Women’s Club and College Club in New Jersey. During the depression she won contests for her writing and poetry. She was married to Paul Green Hooper. She had a huge impact on her four children and numerous grandchildren. This includes her granddaughter, Katharine Briar-Lawson, Dean of the School of Social Welfare.

Criteria: A scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in the School’s MSW program who demonstrates a commitment to developing innovative school-based services to promote the well-being of children, youth, and families through effective social work programs and service in schools; academic achievement; and financial need.

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Social Welfare Student Association Scholarship (SWSA)

**History:** The Social Welfare Student Association (SWSA) is a student organization in the UAlbany School of Social Welfare committed to promoting the mission of the School and assisting students in reaching their educational goals. Many students, staff, and faculty members have participated in and supported the Association’s activities and events throughout the years. In 2006, SWSA established this student scholarship as a gift to the UAlbany School of Social Welfare and its students.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student in the School's MSW program who participates in SWSA meetings and/or SWSA-sponsored events, and demonstrates superior leadership abilities and a commitment to community service.

Social Workers Advocating Respect & Equality for LGBTQ Communities (SWARE) Scholarship

**History:** This scholarship was established in 2012 by SWARE.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to a student in the School’s MSW program who participates in SWARE-sponsored events and demonstrates a commitment to serving LGBTQ individuals, families and communities and to the advocacy for respect and equality for LGBTQ communities.

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William J. Reid Endowment

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Criteria: A scholarship will be awarded to a doctoral candidate in the School of Social Welfare whose proposal has been approved by the candidate’s doctoral committee. The award will be used to assist the student with expenses related to their dissertation.

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