The University at Albany Foundation
Endowed Scholarships, Awards & Prizes

FOR: School of Social Welfare

For application or awarding information, please contact the School of Social Welfare.

The Ladan Alomar Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Ladan Alomar Scholarship was established to provide scholarship support to undergraduate or graduate students pursuing a degree within the School of Social Welfare. Preference for this scholarship is given to Latino or Latina students.

Kenneth (Kent) Price Brown II Endowment
Established to memorialize Kent Brown’s personal and professional dedication to the field of Social Welfare, this scholarship is presented to a student enrolled in the master’s or doctoral program in the School of Social Welfare who is committed to serving the aging who suffer from HIV/AIDS or other physical disabilities, and dismantling the barriers that they face.

The Charles and Charlotte Buchanan Endowed Scholarship for a Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar
Established by Charles and Charlotte Buchanan, this scholarship provides support for an undergraduate student(s) at the University at Albany who is enrolled in, or has been enrolled in, the Sponsor-A-Scholar program. The Sponsor-A-Scholar program is sponsored by Capital Region Sponsor-a-Scholar, Inc. First preference is for the scholarship recipient to be admitted to or pursuing a degree within the School of Social Welfare. The scholarship recipient must maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 to be eligible for renewal.

The Dr. Frank J. Filippone ’41 - Hillside House Scholarship
Established by Hillside House of Coeymans, Inc., in memory of Dr. Frank J. Filippone ‘41 by his daughter, Dr. Julia Filippone ’92, ’97, this fund provides scholarships for matriculated graduate students in the School of Education, the College of Arts and Sciences--Department of Psychology, and the School of Social Welfare. Recipients must demonstrate financial need and academic achievement.

William Randolph Hearst Endowment
This scholarship is presented annually to advance the education and career aspirations of a Master’s level student enrolled in the Internships in Aging Project in the School of Social Welfare.

Nola R. Hooper Scholarship
Established by Dean Katharine Briar-Lawson and Hall Lawson in memory of Dean Briar-Lawson’s grandmother, Nola R. Hooper, to provide annual scholarship support for students enrolled in a master’s program within UAlbany’s School of Social Welfare. Recipients will be chosen based on their commitment to developing school based services to promote the well-being of children, youth and families through social work programs and service in schools.
The Internships in Aging Project (IAP) Alumni Endowment
The Internships in Aging Project (IAP) Alumni Endowment was established to provide scholarship(s) for students enrolled in the Internships in Aging (IAP) program through the School of Social Welfare. Recipient(s) should demonstrate academic achievement and a commitment to work with older persons and their families. This fund was also established to ensure the continuation of quality field and classroom education in social work with older adults and their families. IAP is an educational program that prepares MSW-level professional social workers for leadership roles in service to older persons.

Shirley J. Jones International Community Building Fund Endowment
Established 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, this scholarship is presented to a student enrolled in the Master’s or Doctoral Program in the School of Social Welfare who demonstrates characteristics of a leader and change agent and shows an interest in international community building.

Doug McCuen Graduate Scholarship
Established by Susan McCuen, The Doug McCuen Graduate Scholarship will advance the education and career aspirations of a Masters in Social Work (MSW) student at UAlbany’s School of Social Welfare. This scholarship will provide financial support to a student in the School of Social Welfare’s Internship in Aging Project who is focusing their studies on the care of people with Alzheimer’s and related disorders and their caregivers.

The Janet D. Perloff Fund
This fund, established in memory of SSW Professor Janet Perloff, provides for a student who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership and interest in a career which combines public health and social welfare.

William J. Reid Endowment
Established by UAlbany Distinguished Professor of Social Welfare Dr. William J. Reid, who was a leader and an internationally recognized scholar in social work practice and research, this award is presented to support doctoral students’ dissertation research at the School of Social Welfare.

Ralph Sidman Memorial Scholarship
Established by Mrs. Judith Sidman and members of the Sidman Family in 1984, in memory of Ralph Sidman, a prominent businessman and civic leader, this scholarship is presented to an undergraduate student from the Capital District who exhibits outstanding academic performance and potential, with consideration given to financial need. The recipient should reflect a commitment to pursue his/her education for the benefit of humanity.

Susan R. Sherman Endowed Fund for the Internships in Aging Project
Established in memory of distinguished service Professor Susan Sherman, this fund advances the education and career aspirations of a Master’s level student enrolled in the Internships in Aging Project in the School of Social Welfare, who will spend his/her second year in a field placement at Albany Jewish Family services of Northeastern New York.

Albert L. Shore Graduate Student Award in Gerontology
This scholarship is presented to advance the education and career aspirations of a master’s level student enrolled in the Internships in Aging Project in the School of Social Welfare. The recipient must demonstrate a capacity for leadership, interpersonal and community-building skills.
Seth W. Spellman Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Distinguished Service
This award was established in recognition of the outstanding contributions that Professor Spellman, Dean of the School of Social Welfare from 1967-1985, and acting chair of the Department of African and Afro-American Studies, made to the University at Albany. This award is presented to a student enrolled in the Baccalaureate Program or Master’s Program in the School of Social Welfare or the Department of Africana Studies. Recipients in either the School of Social Welfare or the Department of Africana Studies should demonstrate exemplary community leadership and service.

Elfrieda Textores Endowed Scholarship
Established in 2006 by William Textores in memory of his wife, Elfrieda, a tireless advocate for Albany’s South End Community, this scholarship is presented to a part-time or full-time graduate student enrolled in the master’s or doctoral program in the School of Social Welfare who demonstrates a commitment to community service and community building for at-risk or underserved populations in the inner cities.

Wacholder, Stephanie Endowed Scholarship
This scholarship has been established to honor and thank Stephanie Wacholder for her dedication and many years of service to the School of Social Welfare and the University at Albany. This fund provides support to a School of Social Welfare student enrolled in UAlbany’s MSW program who demonstrates financial need and a commitment to building collaborative partnerships and advocating for policy innovations in both the public and private sectors to promote well-being.

The Kathryn Zox Scholarship
Established by Ellen Wasserman and Kathryn Zox, this scholarship provides support for a student(s) who is enrolled in a master’s program in the School of Social Welfare at the University at Albany, and who demonstrates financial need. First preference for this scholarship will be given to a female student who is a United States citizen.