Undergraduate Students

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.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be given to a student in the School’s baccalaureate, MSW or doctoral program who is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC).

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.
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.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be given to a student enrolled in the School, preferably South Korean, who demonstrates a commitment to developing innovative services to promote the well-being of South Koreans.

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 with a disability who is enrolled in the School of Social Welfare.

Association of Minority Affairs (AMA) Scholarship

**History:** In 1986, the Association of Minority Affairs (AMA) was established as a student organization in the UAlbany School of Social Welfare. AMA is committed to bringing about change and fostering a climate that addresses the needs of minority students and assists them in reaching their educational goals. The Association also addresses issues related to the minority community, which includes minority faculty and staff. AMA assists the School in increasing the number of minority students, ensuring successful graduation rates of minority students, increasing awareness of faculty and students with cross-cultural issues and developing networks to ensure that AMA’s goals and objectives are met. In 2006, AMA 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 AMA meetings and/or AMA-sponsored events and demonstrates superior leadership abilities, academic excellence, and a commitment to community service.

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

**History:** After retiring as a school superintendent, Frank Filippone decided to help developmentally disabled people at a time when the state was releasing them from institutions. He founded Hillside House in 1975, which provided housing in group homes and supportive living apartments. At its height, it was home to 60 adults and...
also provided services to others who faced the same struggles but lived on their own. Frank Filippone died in 2002, and the Hillside House was ultimately closed in 2005. Dr. Filippone’s family wanted to continue his life’s work. Properties were sold, and part of the proceeds from the sales have been used to fund a scholarship which is open to students pursuing studies in education, psychology or social work who are committed to assisting people with developmental disabilities. Filippone earned his bachelor’s degree at UAlbany in 1941 and a master’s degree in 1948.

**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.

**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.
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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’ tm. Her experiences as a 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.

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.

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.
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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.

School of Social Welfare Scholarship Fund

History: This scholarship was established in 2010.

Criteria: A scholarship will be given to a student in the School’s baccalaureate, MSW or doctoral program who is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC).

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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.

Sheila Coleman Scholarship

History: This scholarship was established in memory of Sheila Coleman, who dedicated her life to her family and her profession. She found her calling as a social worker and strived to provide those she served with the best care and assistance possible. It was her dedication to the care of those she served that ultimately led her to return to college and pursue an MSW at the University at Albany School of Social Welfare. Like many non-traditional students, Sheila filled many additional roles while pursuing her degree including a social worker, a mother, a wife, and a volunteer in her community.

Criteria: A scholarship will be given to a returning graduate student in the School’s MSW program who is committed to maximizing their personal potential through their interactions with those they serve, at their place of employment, in their community, and in their family.

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.

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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History and Criteria

Criteria: A scholarship will be given to a student enrolled in the School, preferably South Korean, who demonstrates a commitment to developing innovative services to promote the well-being of South Koreans.

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 with a disability who is enrolled in the School of Social Welfare.

William S. Rooney Scholarship

History: Established in 2010 to honor Dr. William S. Rooney, former Acting Dean and Associate Dean, and a professor who made a profound difference in the first M.S.W. class at the School of Social Welfare (established 1965).

Criteria: A scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student who demonstrates financial need.

U.S.-Africa Partnership Summer Study and Services Tour

History: Since 2000, students, faculty and community-based practitioners in disciplines such as sociology, law, public health and social work have traveled to Africa on the U.S.-Africa Partnership Summer Study Tour. The tour promotes stronger relationships by engaging, educating, empowering, and preparing leaders (students, faculty, and community-based practitioners) to function in a global society. It is strategically designed to offer ‘hands-on’ opportunities for participants to learn about culture, history, difference, strength, survival, leadership planning, and policy. Founded by and originally led by Distinguished Service Professor Dr. Shirley Jones, the 2013 tour will be led by Dr. Robert Miller, Jr.

Criteria: This award is awarded to matriculated undergraduate and graduate students who have been accepted for the Summer Study Tour to Africa. Several awards and scholarships are given, including one in memory of Eileen McCue. The application deadline is Spring 2013. For more information, you may contact Dr. Robert Miller, Jr. at rmiller@albany.edu, Dr. Crystal Rogers at carogers@albany.edu, or Ms. Renee Lucier in the Office of International Education, 518-591-8170.
Internships in Aging Project (IAP) Scholarships

Candidates for the following six scholarships must apply for and be accepted in the School’s Internships in Aging Project (IAP). IAP is an academic and field program for students in their second or advanced year of their MSW who are training to work with older adults and their families. For more information, go to www.albany.edu/ssw/iap. You may also contact Linda Mertz at lmertz@albany.edu.

IAP Alumni Endowment

**History:** This scholarship was established by IAP alumni to ensure the continuation of quality field and classroom education in social work with older adults and their families.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to an MSW student enrolled in the School’s Internships in Aging Project.

IAP Donor Fund

**History:** This scholarship was established to support the education and career aspirations of a student enrolled in the School’s Internships in Aging Project.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to an MSW student enrolled in the School’s Internships in Aging Project.

IAP Doug McCuen Graduate Endowed Fund

**History:** This scholarship was established to honor Doug McCuen and his exemplary career as a public servant. He dedicated his professional and personal life to making government serve the public in a way that has made a meaningful difference in people’s lives. His commitment to public service did not end at retirement. For him “retirement” was another word for “opportunity.” It was an opportunity for him to spend the time he always desired to nurture public awareness in order to improve human services and protect the environment. Among his numerous volunteer activities, he was a leader in advocating for increased funding for Alzheimer’s disease research and services for victims of the tragic disease and their caregivers. He has been an inspiration to many in the face of great adversity.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to an MSW student enrolled in the School’s Internships in Aging Project who demonstrates a commitment to the care of those with Alzheimer’s and related disorders and their families.

IAP Student Award in Gerontology

**History:** This scholarship was established by an anonymous donor.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to an MSW student enrolled in the School’s Internships in Aging Project who demonstrates public speaking, interpersonal and community building skills, cultural competence, and leadership potential in the field of gerontology.

Pat Pine Memorial Scholarship for the IAP

**History:** This scholarship was established in 2004 in memory of Pat Pine, Ph.D. ‘93, former Executive Director of the New York State Office for Aging (NYSOFA). This scholarship is a living memorial and a legacy of her historic and extraordinary leadership in services to the elderly. It will assist in recruiting and educating a talented gerontological MSW professional to meet the needs of a rapidly increasing elderly population. In tribute to the exemplary work that Pat Pine accomplished in her years as Director at NYSOFA, one of the student’s assignments will be related to policy evaluation or development.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to an MSW student enrolled in the School’s Internships in Aging Project to advance education and career aspirations with a field placement at NYSOFA.
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Susan R. Sherman Endowed Fund for IAP

**History:** Established in 2004, this scholarship is a memorial to Dr. Susan R. Sherman’s legacy in preparing MSW professionals for leadership roles in mental health, health, and social services for older persons. Dr. Sherman, who taught in the University’s School of Social Welfare for over 25 years, was a Distinguished Service Professor Emerita recognized for her contributions to the fields of social welfare and gerontology. She received the highest designation for service and commitment to the University at Albany when she was named a Collins Fellow in 1996. Dr. Sherman was one of the early founders and Director of the University’s Institute of Gerontology and taught courses in Research Methods, Social Gerontology and Human Behavior in the Social Environment. Her research spanned the areas of intergenerational relationships, social psychological aspects of housing options, retirement planning, adult foster care, age identity, and gender.

**Criteria:** To advance education and career aspirations, a scholarship will be awarded to an MSW student with demonstrated academic excellence and leadership who is enrolled in the School’s Internships in Aging Project. This student will spend his/her second year in a field placement at Albany Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York.

William Randolph Hearst Endowment for IAP

**History:** In 2001, the University at Albany’s School of Social Welfare was one of only five social work programs in the nation to receive the William Randolph Hearst Scholarship Fund for Master Degree Social Workers in Aging. The 2001 Hearst Foundations’ Initiative in Aging was designed to alleviate the severe shortage of front-line professionals trained to coordinate and manage the care of the growing number of older people so they may live independently and with dignity in the community. Originally established in 1948 by philanthropist William Randolph Hearst, the endowment helps to increase the number of aging-trained social workers who will help older people maximize their functioning and enhance their abilities to actively engage in life.

**Criteria:** A scholarship will be awarded to an MSW student enrolled in the School’s Internships in Aging Project to advance education and career aspirations.

**Doctoral Students**

**Bonnie Carlson Scholarship**

**History:** This scholarship was established in recognition of Dr. Bonnie Carlson’s outstanding contributions to the field of social welfare. Dr. Carlson joined the faculty of the School of Social Welfare in 1979. She served with distinction in many faculty leadership roles, including Director of Undergraduate Program (1980-84) and Associate Dean (1987-88). Dr. Carlson was the recipient of the President’s and Chancellor’s Awards for Teaching as well as the Disabled Students Services Award in 1991. The recipient of several research grants on family violence, Dr. Carlson’s past research has focused on intimate partner violence and other forms of trauma by intimates as well as public attitudes toward domestic violence. She has authored many articles, book chapters, and reports. She was also on the editorial board of two professional journals that address the issue of violence. In 2007, Dr. Carlson was appointed Chair of the Arizona State University Department of Social Work in the College of Human Services.

**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 and whose application is meritorious. The scholarship will be used to assist the student with expenses related to their dissertation.

**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.
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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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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.

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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
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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 and/or other physical disabilities.

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.

School of Social Welfare Scholarship Fund

History: This scholarship was established in 2010.

Criteria: A scholarship will be given to a student in the School’s baccalaureate, MSW or doctoral program who is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC).

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Criteria: A scholarship will be given to a student enrolled in the School, preferably South Korean, who demonstrates a commitment to developing innovative services to promote the well-being of South Koreans.

William J. Reid Endowment

History: This endowment was established in recognition of the outstanding contributions that Distinguished Professor Reid made to the doctoral program at the School of Social Welfare and to the practice of empirically based social work. Distinguished Professor Reid served at the University at Albany from 1980 until his death in 2003. He was the principal architect of the doctoral program in the School of Social Welfare and served as the program’s chair from 1985 to 2003. Over the course of his career, Dr. Reid published extensively, authoring 20 books and over 160 articles and chapters in social work books and professional journals. In addition to achieving the highest rank among State University of New York faculty as Distinguished Professor, Dr. Reid was awarded every major research award in social work, including the George Herbert Jones Professorship at the University of Chicago, the President’s Award for Excellence in Research from the National Association of Social Workers, and the Distinguished Achievement Award of the Society for Social Work and Research.

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 and whose application is meritorious. The award will be used to assist the student with expenses related to their dissertation.

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.
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Criteria: A scholarship will be awarded to a student with a disability who is enrolled in the School of Social Welfare.

William S. Rooney Scholarship

History: Established in 2010 to honor Dr. William S. Rooney, former Acting Dean and Associate Dean, and a professor who made a profound difference in the first M.S.W. class at the School of Social Welfare (established 1965).

Criteria: A scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student who demonstrates financial need.