

University of South Florida
College of Behavioral & Community Sciences
School of Social Work Scholarship Application

Includes both Academic Merit and
Financial Need-Based Awards

BCS scholarship opportunities are provided through generous gifts from alumni, faculty and staff, corporations, foundations, and other friends who support USF and departments within the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences. BCS scholarships may be awarded based on Academic Merit, Financial Need, or both. Most are awarded on a competitive basis to the most commendable undergraduate and graduate applicants. Criteria vary and are used as minimum starting point for consideration; actual criteria may be applied more rigorously depending upon the size and qualifications of the applicant pool.

Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee selection.

General Requirements:

- Currently enrolled USF students (see specific awards for level, whether or not full-time is required, whether or not the award requires student be in a particular major, etc.)
- Designated USF Tampa students, in good standing with the Registrar, unless otherwise noted.
- The Grade Point Average (GPA) considered is based on the criteria described for each scholarship; most merit-based awards require a minimum 3.5 overall or major GPA.

Deadlines:

Effective 2/26/09, the deadline for USF scholarship applications and awarding will be established annually by the Assoc. V.P. for Enrollment Planning and Management; exceptions to the deadline must be approved by the University Director of Financial Aid.

*****Some awards have earlier application deadlines!**

Student Type	Application Deadline	FAO (Fin Aid Office) Notification Deadline	FAO Packaging Date
New transfers & graduate students	March 15 th	April 1 st	April 16
Continuing Students & renewals	April 15	May 28	June 18

** The above mentioned deadlines are the Fin Aid Office deadlines.
In order to meet those deadlines, please submit your Social Work Application as early as possible.

School of Social Work Scholarship Guidelines

Please type or print clearly in blue or black ink. Follow all directions carefully. Complete the Coversheet and the Scholarship Application Form. *Only complete application packets will be considered.*

Additional Requirements

Some scholarships list “additional requirements” to submit along with the general application packet. These are notated in the Scholarship Database descriptions. If a separate essay or statement is required for a particular scholarship, be sure to include the name of the scholarship on the page as well as your name and USF ID number.

Federal Financial Aid

If you are applying for Financial Need-Based Scholarships, you will need to complete a federal Financial Aid form called the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, **FAFSA**, using USF’s Title IV school code: 001537. Estimated tax information can be used to complete the application. Apply between January 1 and March 1 to allow for receipt of the FAFSA application by the school prior to the scholarship deadline. Your scholarship application (for need-based scholarships) will not be complete until the school receives your FAFSA.

GPA/Major Information

By submitting an application packet, student acknowledges that GPA, major designation and other information will be confirmed via OASIS/Banner by Student Services Office prior to the application packet being forwarded to departments for further consideration.

Signature

Sign and date the completed application in the space provided to confirm that the information you provided on the application is correct. Originals only.

Completed Application Packet should be submitted to the School of Social Work at the front desk of MGY 132 or scan and email to Debbie Gee at dgee@usf.edu.

Packet must be post-marked or date-stamped by appropriate deadline (may vary by scholarship) for priority consideration. Once reviewed for completeness, application packet will be forwarded to appropriate Scholarship Committee for consideration.

If you have any questions concerning your scholarship application, please contact Professor Bonnie Yegidis, Director of the School of Social Work at byegidis@bcs.usf.edu.

Thanks for your interest in the School of Social Work’s scholarships. We are pleased to include your application in the process.

USF College of Behavioral & Community Sciences
School of Social Work Scholarship Application Coversheet

Submit this coversheet with your Application

Name (Last, First, MI)

USF Identification number

Email address (*USF-assigned address preferred*)

Please check only those scholarships for which you feel you meet the minimum requirements (individuals checking every scholarship listed will not be considered). Financial Need-based Scholarships require the **FAFSA**.

Social Work Scholarships available at this time.

Social Work Scholarship Fund

Description: To provide financial support for undergraduate and graduate students in Social Work

Margaret Wright Scholarship Fund

Description: To provide financial support for graduate students in Social Work

Cleo and Jerry Roberts Doctoral Student Support Fund

Description: To support a doctoral student's travel to a national or international conference to present a paper or poster

Tracie Merritt Carver Florida Kinship Center Scholarship

Description: To provide financial support to Social Work students raised by relatives

USF College of Behavioral & Community Sciences
School of Social Work Scholarship Application Form

I. STUDENT PROFILE

Student ID (U#): _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Local Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email address (USF email address preferred): _____

County of residence:

Hillsborough Other: _____

What is your current class level?

Freshman Junior 2nd Bachelors
 Sophomore Senior Masters/Graduate

Ethnic Group (Optional: If you wish to be identified with a particular ethnic group, please check the appropriate box below.) *This information will not affect your eligibility for other scholarships.*

American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander Black, Non-Hispanic
 Hispanic Multi-Racial White, Non-Hispanic Other

II. ESSAY

An essay, one typewritten page maximum, which describes your career goals and interests. *Some scholarships have special essay requirements, in addition to this personal statement.*

III. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, LEADERSHIP.

Two page maximum list of any academic honors, extracurricular activities, community service, research activities, etc.

IV. LETTERS OF REFERENCE

At least two letters of reference, preferably three: 1) One from an education professional familiar with your academic work (REQUIRED); 2) One from a professional familiar with your extracurricular activities, community service, research activities or volunteer work (REQUIRED); 3) An additional letter of support from a non-family member.

V. FINANCIAL NEED

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VI. STUDENT CERTIFICATION

Please read the following terms and conditions carefully before you sign the **Social Work** Scholarship Application. Failure to complete the application properly and not submitting application materials according to the directions will result in ineligibility for consideration.

As part of the award process, and in recognition of donor commitment to the University, applicants selected as recipients of awards will be asked to provide a "Thank You" letter to the donor.

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Scholarship awards may impact the amount and level of funding you receive from other sources of financial aid administered by the University.

You will only receive notification if you have been selected for a scholarship.

All application materials must be submitted or postmarked by 5:00 pm on the published deadline for priority consideration.

By signing this application, you acknowledge the above and give permission to the **School of Social Work** and departmental staff involved in the scholarship award process to view your student records in order to verify your eligibility for scholarships.

I certify that the statements contained in this application are true. I understand that fraudulent information will result in disqualification. *I acknowledge that my educational information (including GPA and major designation) will be reviewed/confirmed in OASIS/Banner to be included with my packet before it is forwarded to scholarship committee for further consideration.*

Signature

Date

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Thank you for your interest in our student scholarships.