

Frequently asked Scholarship Questions

What if I turn in my scholarship application late?

Applications post marked by March 15 only are accepted. Application must be made each year you are in the program to be considered.

Why didn't I get a scholarship?

We offer 25 scholarships and usually receive 200 applications. The competition is tough. Each scholarship has criteria that must be met. Those students that most closely fit the criteria are awarded.

What if I did not fill out the on-line FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)?

From the information entered on FAFSA, need is determined. The University's Financial Aid Department receives a need number. That number is used to determine need. If you did not fill out FAFSA, we do not have a need number and the student is not considered for a need based scholarship.

What if I do not fill out the on-line FAFSA by March 15?

Still fill out the application. The scholarship committee meets in May. The need data is gathered in May. There is a possibility that your information may make the list.

When will I be notified about the scholarships?

The students that did not receive a scholarship will receive a letter at the end of May or beginning of June. The students that receive a scholarship will receive their letters by the end of July. As money becomes available, scholarships can be awarded, even during the semester.

Why do some of the scholarships use different applications?

Most of our scholarship money comes from private individuals that want to give back to the College of Social Work and use the College's Scholarship Committee. Those organizations that have their own committee are entitled to choose the recipient.

Who is on the College of Social Work's Scholarship Committee?

The committee is appointed by the dean from representatives from each program and development.

Are your scholarships just for students of color?

No. Criteria of donor determines gift.

Where is my ethnicity information entered from?

The PhD, MSW or BSW application filled out to enter into the programs.

Do some of the scholarships award more than one person?

Yes, depending on the funding amount, criteria and need of students.

Is the scholarship amount the same every year?

No. No more than 3% of endowment total is given each year.

If I have applied to a program but do not know if I have been selected, should I fill out an application?

Yes. If you have not been selected for a program, the application is not reviewed.

Will a scholarship affect by financial aid?

Yes. All awards are reported to the Financial Aid Department. If you receive a scholarship, feel free to contact the Financial Aid Department at 581-6211.

If I receive a scholarship, will I receive tax information at the end of the year?

No. You will receive a copy of the Scholarship/Fellowship form and should use this to report the income.

For more tax questions, please contact:

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