

## **Andrews University MSW Scholarship**

The purpose of the MSW scholarship is to create a funding opportunity for top performing MSW students at Andrews University, beginning at the start of their second year of the Regular Standing MSW program or the first year of their Advanced Standing Program, continuing through their final semester, up to 4 semesters. This will generally include between 26 – 33 credits.

While many graduate students at Andrews University receive discounted tuition and can gain access to scholarship funds through strong GRE scores, the MSW Program has no tuition discounts for MSW-only students and does not require the GRE test based on concerns about relevance for the profession and bias against international students. In order to give the students a reasonable but strong scholarship opportunity, we are offering a scholarship that pertains specifically to the accomplishments and community involvement that social workers are known for.

If the student is already receiving a tuition reduction as part of a dual-degree or faculty/staff benefit, this scholarship will not be in addition to those reductions. This scholarship will replace other tuition reductions if it is a greater amount.

### **Requirements/ indicators include:**

- ❖ Cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 3.30 undergraduate GPA for Advanced Standing BSW students
- ❖ Cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 3.50 graduate GPA for second year regular MSW students
- ❖ GPA Scholarship Requirements:

3.30 – 3.49	10% - available only to BSW, based on undergraduate GPA
3.50 – 3.89	25%
3.90 – 4.00	50%
- ❖ Deadline to apply for Fall semester is August 1 and for Spring semester is December 1.
- ❖ Decision will be made by August 15 and December 15 after final grades are in or before if applicable.
- ❖ Students may re-apply one time for scholarship if graduate GPA reaches 3.5 or above after first full-time semester (at least 8 credits) of MSW program.
- ❖ Scholarship funding will be available for a MAXIMUM of four semesters.
- ❖ Students whose GPA falls below 3.0 will lose scholarship.

- ❖ Completion of the attached MSW scholarship application.
- ❖ The application will be reviewed by the department chair, field director, and MSW program director. You must receive a minimum of 16 out of 20 in the score rating.
- ❖ Supporting documents and activities that address the student's qualifications for the scholarship, include:
  - One page description summarizing your qualifications for the MSW scholarship that includes:
    - Description of past/current volunteer and civic involvement (including university of church volunteering and leadership positions) (4 points),
    - Description of past/current involvement in social work department activities, programs and/or leadership (as verified by faculty sponsor of Social Work Club and Social Work department faculty) (4 points).
  - Letter of recommendation written by past or present volunteer organizations the student has served in (4 points);
  - Letter of recommendations written by past or present field instructor (4 points) and field director (4 points) verifying successful internship experience that details student professionalism and competence in working with clients/colleagues.

## Andrews University Masters of Social Work Application

**You must submit your materials and recommendations through an email attachment to Alina Baltazar, MSW Program director, at [baltazar@andrews.edu](mailto:baltazar@andrews.edu)**

The Andrews University Social Work Website [www.andrews.edu/cas/socialwork] offers materials such as the scholarship application and policy as PDF files on the website.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understood the conditions of the Masters of Social Work scholarship as explained in the Andrews University Masters of Social Work Policy. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified people. I waive the right to access letters of the recommendation written on my behalf. I affirm that all of this application is my own work. I affirm that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic signature is okay

Legal name in full \_\_\_\_\_

(print/type)                      Last Name    First Name  
M.I.

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

How many credits completed/in process in the MSW program? \_\_\_\_\_