

WALDEN UNIVERSITY

2018 Barbara Solomon Scholarship for Social Work Guidelines and Application

The Barbara Solomon Scholarship for Social Work awards up to two full-tuition, two \$5,000, and two \$10,000 scholarships for master's and doctoral programs in social work.

This scholarship program reflects Walden's dedication to lifelong learning and supports the many students who stand out because of their superior contributions to their communities, businesses, colleagues, and families.

For complete details about this and other Walden scholarship programs, including eligible degree programs, application deadlines, or scholarship funding/disbursements, please go to www.WaldenU.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.

Eligibility for 2018 Barbara Solomon Scholarship for Social Work

- Scholarships are open to new students enrolling in a Walden social work program and start between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.
- Scholarship recipients must have earned a minimum 3.5 GPA in their previous bachelor's or master's program.
- Scholarship recipients must not have received another merit-based Walden scholarship.
- Those employed by Laureate Education, Inc. or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates are ineligible.
- Scholarship recipients must meet all admission requirements, with the university in receipt of all of the applicant's official documentation, and be fully admitted into one of Walden's social work programs.
- Individuals who receive a scholarship must affirm that they are willing and able to participate in all publicity efforts promoting Walden University and its programs.

Complete all required fields (*) and e-mail this form along with the three items listed below (total of four items) by midnight Eastern time on May 31, 2018 to socialworkscholarship@waldenu.edu.

Applicant Information

Name*:

Home Street Address 1*:

Home Street Address 2:

City*:

State*:

ZIP/Postal Code*:

Country:

E-mail Address*:

Phone Number*:

Walden Degree Program Applying For*:

Employer:

Job Title/Function:

All required materials must be submitted in order for your application to be considered. Incomplete application packets will not be considered. Applicants may be contacted by phone to confirm authenticity of information submitted. Scholarship recipients will be notified of awards in August.

In addition to the above application form, please submit the following (Microsoft Word or PDF preferred):

- Submit an essay of no more than 1,000 words addressing the following:
 - Identify and discuss any current pertinent social issue or problem that you have either direct experience with or is of interest to you. Please provide any supporting evidence (information/sources) for your choice. For example, how is this issue/problem depicted in the media or any related sources?

- How is your identified issue/problem affecting vulnerable populations, individuals, groups, and communities in your community? Be specific and be sure to discuss any potential ethical conflicts that you might encounter when providing focused interventions.
- Why is this topic of importance to the profession of social work and why is this important to you?
- Discuss how you would, or have implemented focused strategies to address the stated social issue/problem.
- What are your short term and long term professional goals. Please explain how a graduate Social Work degree (MSW or Doctorate) from Walden University will help you achieve those goals.
- Applicants for one of the Doctorate programs must also respond to the following (up to 300 additional words):
 - Social Change Idea: Walden University and the profession of Social Work remain committed to social change. Imagine that you are the Executive Director of your own agency or the Dean of a school of Social Work. What Social Change program or project would you develop to facilitate change on a micro, mezzo, and macro level?
- Submit a current copy of your résumé or CV.
- Submit a formal letter of recommendation from a current or former supervisor or professor describing how your passion for social change has made a difference in the lives of others.
- Email the completed application, essay, résumé or CV, and letter of recommendation all together to socialworkscholarship@waldenu.edu.

OPTIONAL: You may also submit additional letters of recommendation.