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Fall 2012 Graduate Financial Resources Newsletter

The Graduate Financial Resources Newsletter provides both current and prospective graduate students of Marywood University with information on Marywood University scholarships, assistantships, and loan programs.

**Scholarships for Graduate Students Seeking Master's Degrees, Educational Specialist Degrees, or Certifications (Not School of Social Work Students, Speech-Language Pathology Students, and Physician Assistant Students)**

Marywood University awards a number of scholarships each year to graduate students on the basis of academic promise, and professional focus and commitment. Scholarships are available to both full-time and part-time students. Full-time status scholarship recipients must take nine credits or more per semester to maintain their scholarship. Part-time status scholarship recipients must take at least six credits each semester, both Fall and Spring, to receive scholarship funds.

The application deadline for these scholarships is February 14, 2012. You must apply on-line at the financial aid section of the Marywood University website, [http://www.marywood.edu/grad\\_finaid/finance.stm](http://www.marywood.edu/grad_finaid/finance.stm).

**Marywood University Master of Arts in Teaching and Certification in Secondary/K-12 Education Program Scholarships**

Marywood University will provide \$6,000 merit scholarships to new graduate students that meet the following scholarship eligibility requirements:

The student must have the academic goal of completing both the MAT Secondary/K-12 Education degree and an initial secondary/K-12 instructional certification simultaneously.

The student must have achieved a 3.40 or greater cumulative undergraduate QPA. Further, the undergraduate major completed by the prospective applicant must be related closely to his or her initial certification program of study.

Prospective students may receive consideration for these scholarships by having a complete admissions application in the Office of Graduate Admissions not later than February 14, 2012. Further students must complete the 2012-2013 Graduate Scholarship Application for Master's Degree, Educational Specialist Degree, and Post Baccalaureate Certification Students and the required essay electronically by February 14, 2012. These electronic documents may be found at the financial aid section of the Marywood University website, [http://www.marywood.edu/grad\\_finaid/finance.stm](http://www.marywood.edu/grad_finaid/finance.stm).

**Graduate Speech-Language Pathology Program Scholarships for 2012-2013**

The graduate admission application serves as the scholarship application for prospective graduate students of the Speech-Language Pathology Program. The departmental academic progress file serves as the scholarship application for current graduate students in the Speech-Language

Pathology Program. There are no other documentation obligations for scholarship consideration for prospective and current Speech-Language Pathology Program students.

Prospective Speech-Language Pathology Program students should adhere closely to the graduate admission application deadline. Scholarship notification letters will be mailed in early April 2012 to current Speech-Language Pathology Program graduate students. Prospective students will receive scholarship notification letters with their admission acceptance packet.

Prospective and current graduate students of the Speech-Language Pathology Program who wish to be considered for graduate assistantship will use the Master's Degree and Post-Baccalaureate Assistantship Application.

### **Graduate Physician Assistant Program Scholarships for 2012-2013**

The graduate admission application serves as the scholarship application for prospective graduate students of the Physician Assistant Program. The departmental academic progress file serves as the scholarship application for current graduate students in the Physician Assistant Program. There are no other documentation obligations for scholarship consideration for prospective and current Physician Assistant Program graduate students.

Prospective Physician Assistant Program students should adhere closely to the graduate admission application deadline. Scholarship notification letters will be mailed in March 2012 to current Physician Assistant Program graduate students. Prospective students will receive scholarship notification letters with their admission acceptance packet.

Prospective and current Physician Assistant Program graduate students will not be considered for graduate assistantships. The schedule and intensity of Physician Assistant Program studies are not compatible with the requirements and expectations of graduate assistantships.

### **Assistantships for Graduate Students Seeking Master's Degrees, Educational Specialist Degrees, or Certifications**

Marywood University provides graduate assistantships that are designed to further the educational goals of full-time graduate students in an environment of academic excellence. Graduate assistants serve Marywood University by working with the faculty to advance research or with professional staff to enhance services.

Assistantships with twenty work hours per week afford tuition remission for eighteen graduate credits and a full assistantship monthly stipend. Assistantships with ten work hours per week offer tuition remission for nine graduate credits per academic year and one-half of the full assistantship monthly stipend.

The deadline for these assistantships is February 14, 2012. You must submit your resume in Microsoft Word in the financial aid section of the Marywood University website, [http://www.marywood.edu/grad\\_finaid/finance.stm](http://www.marywood.edu/grad_finaid/finance.stm).

## **MSW Degree Student Merit Scholarship Program for 2012-2013**

The graduate admission application serves as the academic merit scholarship application for prospective graduate students to the MSW Degree Program in the School of Social Work and Administrative Studies. MSW Degree Program Merit Scholarships may only be garnered at the time of acceptance to the University. The departmental academic progress file serves as the scholarship application for current graduate students in the MSW Degree Program. There are no other documentation obligations for merit scholarship consideration for prospective and current MSW Degree Program graduate students.

Prospective MSW Degree Program graduate students must have a complete admissions application on file with the Office of University Admissions by April 15, 2012 to receive consideration for a merit scholarship. Prospective students selected to receive a merit scholarship will be notified soon after they receive their admission acceptance packet.

Prospective and current graduate students from the School of Social Work and Administrative Studies who wish to be considered for graduate assistantship should use the Master's Degree, Educational Specialist Degree, and Post-Baccalaureate Assistantship Application. You must apply on-line at the financial aid section of the Marywood University website, [http://www.marywood.edu/grad\\_finaid/finance.stm](http://www.marywood.edu/grad_finaid/finance.stm).

## **MSW Degree Student Financial Aid**

MSW Degree Program students in the School of Social Work and Administrative Studies may qualify for financial aid awards on the basis of documented financial need. The application deadline for these financial aid awards is April 15, 2012 for the 2012-2013 academic year. You must apply on-line at the financial aid section of the Marywood University website, [http://www.marywood.edu/grad\\_finaid/finance.stm](http://www.marywood.edu/grad_finaid/finance.stm).

Prospective and current graduate students for the Central Pennsylvania MSW Degree Program on the Bloomsburg Campus are not eligible for need-based aid. Marywood University provides a discounted tuition package to all students of the Central Pennsylvania Program.

## **MSW Degree Program Student Social Justice Incentive Scholarships**

The Social Justice Incentive Scholarships are available only to MSW Degree Program students in their advanced practice year in the Marywood University School of Social Work and Administrative Studies. Successful applicants for these scholarships must have an interest in social justice practice and preparation for practicum-based learning in a setting emphasizing social justice.

Social Justice Incentive Scholarships have an application deadline of April 15, 2012. You must apply on-line at the financial aid section of the Marywood website, [http://www.marywood.edu/grad\\_finaid/finance.stm](http://www.marywood.edu/grad_finaid/finance.stm).

## **School of Social Work and Administrative Studies Public Administration, Health Services Administration, and Gerontology Program Merit Scholarships**

Prospective and currently enrolled students in the Public Administration, Health Services Administration, and Gerontology Program of the Marywood University School of Social Work and Administrative Studies may apply for merit scholarships by completing the Masters Program Scholarship Application by following the link. The elements of this scholarship application are the online application and the essay submitted electronically in Microsoft Word. The merit scholarship application deadline is February 14, 2012 for the 2012-2013 academic year. The degree programs included in this process are Public Administration, Health Services Administration, and Gerontology. You must apply on-line at the financial aid section of the Marywood University website, [http://www.marywood.edu/grad\\_finaid/finance.stm](http://www.marywood.edu/grad_finaid/finance.stm).

Prospective and current graduate students of the School of Social Work and Administrative Programs who wish to be considered for graduate assistantship should use the Master's Degree and Post-Baccalaureate Assistantship Application. Resumes for graduate assistantships must be submitted by February 14, 2012 for the 2012-2013 academic year.

When prospective and currently enrolled students are enrolled in either the MSW/Public Administration, MSW/MHSA, or the MSW/Gerontology Dual Degree Program, the University will assume that Social Work is the primary academic goal initially, unless advised otherwise, due to the cohort design and the significant commitment necessary to complete practicum requirements. In the initial stages of a dual degree program, prospective and currently enrolled students should compete for opportunities as outlined for MSW students. By the month of February in your final year of MSW studies, dual degree program students should apply for merit scholarships by utilizing the Masters Program Scholarship Application to support their Public Administration, Health Services Administration, or Gerontology studies as described in the opening paragraph of this webpage.

### **Ph.D. Human Development Doctoral Program Scholarships**

Ph.D. Human Development Doctoral Program Scholarships have an application deadline of April 15, 2012 for the 2012-2013 academic year. You must apply on-line at the financial aid section of the Marywood University website, [http://www.marywood.edu/grad\\_finaid/finance.stm](http://www.marywood.edu/grad_finaid/finance.stm).

### **Ph.D Human Development Doctoral Program Assistantships**

Ph.D. Human Development Doctoral Program Assistantships have an application deadline of April 15, 2012 for the 2012-2013 academic year. You must apply on-line at the financial aid section of the Marywood University website, [http://www.marywood.edu/grad\\_finaid/finance.stm](http://www.marywood.edu/grad_finaid/finance.stm).

### **Psy.D. Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program Scholarships**

The graduate admission application serves as the scholarship application for prospective doctoral students of the Clinical Psychology Program. The departmental academic progress file serves as the scholarship application for current doctoral students in the Clinical Psychology Program. There are no other documentation obligations for scholarship consideration for prospective and current doctoral students of the Clinical Psychology Program.

Prospective doctoral students of the Clinical Psychology Program should adhere closely to the graduate admission application deadline. Scholarship notification letters will be mailed in May 2012 to both prospective and current doctoral students of the Clinical Psychology Program.

Psy.D. Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program Assistantships are awarded through an internal departmental process.

### **Federal Student Loan Programs**

To apply for a Federal Stafford student loan, complete a Fall/Spring Student Loan Request Form and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Both forms with their deadline information are accessible from the financial aid section of the Marywood website, [http://www.marywood.edu/fin\\_aid/forms.stm](http://www.marywood.edu/fin_aid/forms.stm).

**Federal Subsidized Stafford Student Loan.** Under this program, matriculating graduate students enrolled on at least a half-time basis (minimum of six credits per semester) can borrow up to \$8,500 per academic year. Eligibility for the subsidized portion of the loan is based upon a federal eligibility formula.

**Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Student Loan.** Under this program, matriculating graduate students enrolled on at least a half-time basis (minimum of six credits per semester) can borrow up to \$12,000 in addition to the Federal Subsidized Stafford Student Loan per academic year. Unlike the Federal Subsidized Stafford Student Loan, borrowers do not have to demonstrate financial need for the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Student Loan. The approved loan amount can never exceed the actual cost of education less any other scholarships, grants, employer reimbursement, or loans received.

Marywood University uses the Borrower-Based Academic Year policy for the processing of all federal student loans. The Borrower-Based Academic Year is individualized for each borrower and may begin any time within the scheduled academic year. Included in the Borrower-Based Academic Year are only those terms in which the matriculating student was enrolled on at least a half-time basis, a minimum of six credits.

Questions about the various student loan programs may be directed to the Office of Financial Aid, LAC 85, 570-348-6225, [finaid@marywood.edu](mailto:finaid@marywood.edu).