

University of Michigan School of Social Work

MSW Program Financial Aid

Grants/Scholarships

- ◆ The School of Social Work (Office of Student Services and Enrollment Management) is responsible for the awarding of grants/scholarships (both merit and need) to MSW students
- ◆ Most grants/scholarships are awarded to students at the time of admission for each semester of enrollment (for this reason students do not need to reapply for grants/scholarships each semester or academic year)
- ◆ The School of Social Work will have donor funded scholarships available in the Fall semesters. These scholarships are one time awards for the academic year and students will be emailed when the applications become available. Our website (https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/financial-aid/grants-and-scholarships?finaid_categories=Requires+Separate+Application#page-filters) will also be updated once available

Federal Funding

- ◇ The University Office of Financial Aid is responsible for the awarding of Federal Direct Loans and Work-Study
- ◇ By completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), MSW students are eligible for the following federal loans
 - ◇ Direct Unsubsidized Loan (\$10,250 per semester)
 - ◇ Direct Graduate Plus Loan* (borrowing amount = total cost of attendance – financial aid already awarded)
 - Students must apply separately for a Graduate Plus Loan as eligibility is based upon a credit check (<https://studentaid.gov/plus-app/grad/landing>)
 - Students are informed immediately upon applying for a Graduate Plus Loan if they are approved or denied
 - If approved for a Graduate Plus Loan, the University Office of Financial Aid will notify students (usually in late July) of the exact amount they are eligible for. Remember the borrowing amount formula mentioned above.
 - Loans can assist with covering tuition/fees and living expenses (books/supplies, housing and food and personal/miscellaneous)
- ◇ Many students will also receive a work-study award (up to \$3,000 per semester). Students can begin exploring available work-study positions now as additional positions may be available over the summer

Additional Resources

- ◇ Tuition Insurance
 - ◇ <https://uhs.umich.edu/tuition-insurance>
- ◇ Graduate Student Instructor/Graduate Student Staff Assistant Positions
 - ◇ <https://careers.umich.edu/> (select “Graduate Students” under career interests)
- ◇ University of Michigan Child Care Subsidy
 - ◇ <https://finaid.umich.edu/types-aid/child-care-subsidy>
- ◇ External Scholarships
 - ◇ https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/financial-aid/grants-and-scholarships?finaid_categories=External#page-filters

Office of Student Services and Enrollment Management Financial Aid Services

Office of Student Services (Financial Aid)

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Please feel free to contact for any questions regarding your financial aid award and additional resources

- Available to assist students with
 - Understanding financial aid awards and processes
 - Budgeting
 - Understanding student loan repayment and loan forgiveness options