**WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**

**College of Health and Human Sciences**

***Mission Health System Scholarship for Health Professionals*Department of Social Work**

***Policy and Procedure for Awarding Scholarships***

The College of Health and Human Sciences at Western Carolina University has established a fund for student support through the generous gift of Mission Health System of Asheville, North Carolina. The purpose of this fund is to increase the number of qualified health and allied health care providers in and beyond the western North Carolina region. The fund will support scholarships for students demonstrating exceptional academic merit/promise and/or financial need. Though scholarships will be open to all qualified students, the college is especially interested in supporting applicants from western North Carolina who also reflect the diverse communities we serve.

**Scholarship Information**

* The Mission Health System Scholarship provides scholarship awards of varying amounts, dependent upon the selected program within the College of Health and Human Sciences.
* While some recipients may receive this award for consecutive years, they must reapply for consideration.
* Recipients must register for a minimum of nine (9) credit hours each semester the award is given (with the exception of applicants in the RN to BSN program or the MSN programs)

**Application Process**

The application procedure for the Mission Health System Scholarship is outlined below.

* Program
	+ Master of Social Work
* Amount
	+ Total to the Social Work program is $6,000.00 per year for 5 years
	+ $1,000.00 per academic year per recipient with annual review and reapplication for any subsequent year is required
* Selection Criteria
	+ Student must be enrolled as a full-time MSW student or accepted for admission to the MSW program as either a full-time student or an advanced standing student at Western Carolina University
	+ Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
	+ Student must demonstrate a commitment to the provision of health care Social Work in the Western region of North Carolina
* Application Process
	+ Upon acceptance to the MSW program, a student (full-time or advanced standing) will be notified of the availability of the scholarship
	+ Applications for the scholarship will be available online and must be submitted by May 15
	+ Applications will be reviewed, scored, and ranked by the MSW admissions committee and awards will be offered to the top three on or before May 25
	+ Recipients must accept the award on or before May 30th, if not, the admissions committee will continue down the rankings
	+ Initial scholarship recipients must re-apply for the second year, if eligible, and will be reviewed by the MSW Progressions Committee which will assess the student’s academic, professional and technical progression

# Mission Health System Scholarship Application

*Social Work MSW Program*

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| Signature of applicant: |  |  Date: |  |

**The following materials must accompany this completed application form:**

* A 2-3 page, double-spaced, typewritten statement that includes: current professional interests; future aspirations; previous human service experiences (volunteer and professional); honors and achievements (academic and community service); and other information you deem appropriate. (A resume may be included in addition to, *not instead of*, the required information.)
* Two letters of recommendation, preferably from a professor, a field instructor, or a community-based leader.

## Applications must be received by May 15

*Award recipients will be notified by mail no later than May 30*

Send application and support materials to:

**Dr Patricia M Morse**

**Department of Social Work**

**Western Carolina University**

**HHS 322**

**Cullowhee, NC 28723**

**Please Note:**

* Incomplete applications will not be reviewed
* Please notify the office johnsonm@wcu.edu if you move/relocate in the time between submission of the application and notification of award