



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS (SDS) APPLICATION FOR MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) 2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR

Overview

The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) program provides \$650,000 in annual scholarships to full-time, financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds, enrolled in a Master of Social Work (MSW) program at Long Island University. The maximum award in SDS funds is **\$30,000** per academic year and is renewable if funds are available and program criteria are met. Applicants should be advised that student loans may be reduced to accommodate SDS awards. Awards can be applied to Summer, Fall, and/or Spring terms. No financial aid awards may exceed the estimated cost of attendance. Eligibility for an award does not guarantee a scholarship, as funding is limited.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, you **must** have financial need and come from either an economically or environmentally disadvantaged background.

Economically Disadvantaged is defined as an individual that comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index, and adjusted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services for use in health professions and nursing programs.

2018 Poverty Guidelines	
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$24,280
2	\$32,920
3	\$41,560
4	\$50,200
5	\$58,840
6	\$67,480
7	\$76,120
8	\$84,760

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$8,640 for each additional person.

Environmentally disadvantaged is defined as an individual who comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school, or from a program providing education or training in an allied health profession. LIU will consider applicants who meet **one or more** of the following criteria to be from an environmentally disadvantaged community.

- First generation college student
- Graduated from a high school with low ACT/SAT scores based on most recent data available
- Graduated from a high school from which, based on most recent data available:
 - low percentage of seniors receive a high school diploma; or
 - low percentage of graduates go to college during the first year after graduation
- Graduated from a high school with low per capita funding
- Graduated from a high school at which, based on most recent data available, many of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced price lunches
- The individual comes from a family that receives public assistance (e.g., Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamps, Medicaid, public housing)
- The individual comes from a hometown county that is designated under section 332 of the Act as a health professional shortage area by HRSA

Application Requirements:

- Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fasfa.gov. The parental income will be used to determine a student's eligibility for *economically disadvantaged* in all cases except when the student is considered independent (at least 24 years old and not listed as a dependent on parents' Federal income tax for three (3) or more years). Dependent applicants must complete the "parental income section."
- Students must submit **three (3) years** of their and their parents' Federal tax returns and/or statements from the IRS that he or she was not required to file taxes. Students must also report their own, spouse's, and/or parent's assets and other resources, such as *trust funds or family member support*.
- Students must provide documentation of their age.
- Students must be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident of the United States.
- Students must be enrolled full time (e.g., **9+ credits per term**) in a graduate master of social work degree program.
- Students must make satisfactory academic progress in accordance with University policy as published in the LIU Brooklyn graduate bulletin.

Application Procedures:

Please keep the application and all pages together as one (1) document. Send original pages of your application and forms to the address listed below. All applications received will be date and time stamped. Applications will be processed in the order of receipt. Incomplete applications and forms will not be processed. If the applicant's application is incomplete or the applicant is determined ineligible for SDS, you will be notified via your MyLIU student email account. Students must file this application by **July 1, 2018 and be registered for Fall 2018 classes** in order to be considered for funding during the 2018-2019 academic year. Please note that funds are disbursed according to eligibility and availability; once those funds are exhausted, any pending applications, even for eligible students who have applied within the appropriate time frame, will not be funded.

Send your completed applications to:

Long Island University

Office of Student Financial Services

Phone: (516) 299-2553

Fax: (516) 299-2565

Email: liu-sfs@liu.edu



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PART I: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Date: _____ Student ID #: _____ Gender: _____

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Address Line 1: _____ Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel 1: _____ Tel 2: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate, to the best of your knowledge, the number of credits you expect to enroll in each term:

Summer 2018: _____ Fall 2018: _____ Spring 2019: _____

Please confirm you are enrolled in one of the following programs:

- Master of Social Work (MSW), LIU Brooklyn Master of Social Work (MSW), LIU Post

PART II: STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I certify that I meet the student eligibility requirements as follows:

- I have completed the 2018-19 FAFSA
- I am a US citizen or eligible non-citizen
- I am enrolled in **full time** coursework that is necessary to begin a career in the health professions
- I come from a family that is environmentally or economically disadvantaged
- I certify that this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PART III: UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the applicant **meets** **does not meet** the student eligibility requirement and is currently enrolled full time in a Master of Social Work (MSW) program at Long Island University and that the above is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name of Certifying Official: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Amount Received/Terms: _____ Date Posted: _____