

Application and Information for HRSA – Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students (SDS)

Scholarship funding has been provided to the Bastyr University Department of Midwifery through a grant from Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) for several full-time students who meet the federal criteria as being from a disadvantaged background and who demonstrate exceptional financial need. The Department of Midwifery will select all qualified students and administer objectives for recipients which include group activities, peer mentoring and faculty advising.

As specified by the funding agency, scholarships can be granted only to students who meet HRSA's criteria for "educationally disadvantaged" or "economically disadvantaged." [The definitions for each of these are listed in the DoMW Commons on Canvas.](#) If you are uncertain about whether you meet one of these definitions, please check the definitions for more information. Students are encouraged to apply, even if they are not sure if they are eligible. The Department of Midwifery will determine eligibility based on the information submitted with this application, according to the criteria set forth by HRSA.

You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://fafsa.gov> immediately to be considered for this scholarship. For assistance with the FAFSA, please email finaid@bastyr.edu.

As specified by the funding agency, the award will pay at least one-half of the established annual cost of tuition for the Midwifery program, up to a maximum of \$40,000 per student for reasonable educational and living expenses. Federal guidelines are used to formulate these budgets.

Scholarships are granted on a one-year basis, with the possibility of continued support if a) the Department of Midwifery receives continued federal funding for this program, and b) the student fulfills requirements for continuation, including participating in program activities designed to enhance retention. Applications will be submitted and reviewed annually. Awards are for a single year, and receiving an award in one year does not guarantee future eligibility. The amount of an award may also change in a future year and is dependent on factors such as changes in your financial aid status and the number of eligible students.

For enrolled students who are seeking scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year, **the priority deadline is 11:59pm on Sunday, December 13.** Applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis until all of the scholarship funds have been disbursed for this academic year. To apply, complete the application below and email it to domw@bastyr.edu.

The Bastyr Department of Midwifery commits to the ongoing work of creating an inclusive learning environment where student midwives feel welcomed, represented, and supported; where students learn to care for all families in a way that is culturally affirming and respectful; and where our commitment to social justice is woven into every facet of our program. While we will make mistakes, we are committed to the goal of a learning environment free from racism that is dedicated to social justice and a culturally versatile approach to maternal health care provision. Please see our [Equity Statement](#) for more information. Recipients of this scholarship will be directly involved in helping us move ever closer to this goal through regular surveys and other conversations where your feedback can be integrated into future updates.

SDS Scholarship Application 2020-2021

Full legal name: _____

Preferred name: _____

Permanent address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Bastyr email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Racial identity (choose all that apply):

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Ethnic identity:

- Spanish/Hispanic/Latinx
- Non-Hispanic

Academic status: (2020-21):

- Applicant, not yet admitted
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3

Qualifications

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Please complete one or both of the following sections if you would like the Department of Midwifery to consider you for an SDS scholarship.

Educational Disadvantage

Name of your high school: _____

City & state of this high school: _____

Year of your graduation from this high school: _____

Economic Disadvantage

Are you at least 24 years old?

- No → Submit page 1 of parental tax return or [tax return transcript](#) for 2018 with this application; move to the Agreements section
- Yes → Submit a copy of driver's license or passport clearly indicating date of birth with this application

Have you been listed as a dependent on your parents' income taxes within the last 3 years (2017, 2018, 2019)?

- No → Submit page 1 of your own tax returns or [tax return transcript](#) from 2017, 2018 and 2019 with this application
- Yes → Submit page 1 of parental tax return or [tax return transcript](#) for 2018 with this application

Other sources of proof of independence:

- Currently married. Applicants should provide a marriage certificate.
- Have children who receive more than half of their support from the individual. Applicants should provide a copy of most recent filed tax returns.
- Have dependents (other than children or a spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you. Applicants should provide a copy of most recent filed tax returns.
- A veteran of the U.S. armed forces. Applicants should provide a copy of their military or veterans card or DD-214.
- At any time since the individual turned age 13, both individual's parents were deceased, or the individual was in foster care, or was a ward of the court. Applicants should provide documentation from the state.
- An unaccompanied youth who is homeless. Must provide one form of documentation as stated below:
 - A shelter or referral agency certification that the participant has been residing on the street;
 - Or a written statement from one of the following that the applicant is homeless:
 - A case manager, social worker, or medical professional;
 - A district homeless liaison;
 - The director (or designee) of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; or
 - The director (or designee) of a transitional living program or homeless assistance program.
- An emancipated minor or in a legal guardianship as determined by a court. Applicants should provide documentation from the state.

All applicants should complete the following sections:

Agreements

In making this application, I commit to the following (initial each):

- I agree that the selection committee has permission to review my entire Bastyr University record, including my admissions file;
- I agree to participate in required program activities designed to increase academic success, both for myself and for other students in the program:
 - All required Orientation programs
 - Tutoring and remediation plans when needed
 - Mentorship program
 - Department-sponsored scholarship preparation workshops
 - Coursework to strengthen academic skills
 - As an alumnus, I agree to mentor students in this program.
- I agree to apply for a National Provider Identifier (this is a HRSA requirement of all scholarship recipients to aid long-term assessment of the program's impact on access and delivery of quality health care services)

Acknowledgments

In making this application, I acknowledge the following (initial each):

- I understand that the scholarship may be withdrawn in case of violations of the student honor code, failure to remain in good academic standing, or other disciplinary action;
- I understand that funding is contingent upon the Bastyr Department of Midwifery receiving federal funds for this scholarship program. Funding is awarded on a yearly basis, with the possibility of continued funding for a maximum of three years of full-time enrollment; and
- I understand that the program may be modified as quality improvement efforts indicate and I will be notified of such.

Signature

Date

This scholarship is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of an award totaling \$649,919 with zero percentage financed with nongovernmental sources. The contents of this application are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by HRSA, HHS or the U.S. Government.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Bastyr University Department of Midwifery
domw@bastyr.edu
Subject line: SDS Scholarship Application