



**APPLICATION FOR DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY'S
SSW SCHOLARSHIP IN AGING 2018/2019
(APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2019)**

DU Scholarship in Aging is an initiative begun with funding by the John A. Hartford Foundation and the Social Work Leadership Initiative at the New York Academy of Medicine between 2008-2011, which prepared graduate social work students for competent, culturally sensitive practice in gerontological and geriatric social work. Currently, the initiative is sustained by Dominican University's School of Social Work. Scholarships are available during the spring semester in which the student is enrolled in designated agencies serving primarily older adult clientele. This program is unique because it encourages a rotation model for internships to provide students with a range of experiences across different settings and aging populations.

- Students will have the opportunity to rotate/shadow across two aging agencies or different programs within their primary internship site during the semester long internship.
- There are many ways to approach this issue of rotation. This will be further discussed in the meetings.

The number of scholarships available is dependent on the number of applications submitted. The amount of the scholarships will range from **\$1,000-\$2000 for Spring 2019**. Students will be selected for fellowships through a competitive application process administered by the Gerontology faculty, Office of Field Education in collaboration with partners from the consortium of agencies that serve older adults.

Eligibility: All part-time or full-time students who are in field placements between Fall 2018-Spring 2019, including students on international placements who have an interest in gerontology. At minimum, you must intern in an agency that serves primarily older adults. You also do not need to have prior professional or volunteer or internship experience with older adults to be eligible for the scholarship.

Amount of Scholarship : Students will receive between **\$1000-\$2000 per academic year**, applied toward their tuition for the successful completion of the internship in the assigned agencies.



How to Apply: *Current students* can download the application form from <https://www.dom.edu/admission/graduate/social-work-programs/scholarships> or request an application from Adrian Kok or Julie Bach. All *completed* application forms from current students should be submitted to Julie Bach and can also be placed in Dr. Bach's mailbox in the Social Work office.

Eligible incoming students who are starting the MSW program must have an internship with older adults and their families. Students may submit photocopies of their transcripts for the application. A hard copy of your application should come in a SINGLE packet.

Applications may be turned in between January 31 – February 15, 2019. Candidates who have been selected for the program will be announced by February 28th. Application deadlines, along with instructions, will be included with the application. You may be interviewed by the selection committee and featured in our newsletter, Facebook page and website if you are a successful applicant.

Resources: SSW at Dominican University was one of the 67 MSW schools in the country to receive a grant to implement a unique rotational model across aging agencies. We are also one of the FIVE social work schools in the country to be awarded three consecutive grants by the Gero-Ed Center to develop the Gero Certificate Program. The School of Social Work at Dominican University continues the goal to provide more learning opportunities and to train future social workers to have the knowledge, skills, and values to work with the older adult population in the future. The objective is to enhance MSW students' competencies to work with an increasingly diverse older adult population across a variety of needs, settings, and issues at the micro, mezzo, and macro level.

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For current students

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Return 1) **completed application**, 2) **one copy of your resume**, 3) **up-to-date transcript of coursework and 4) Essay** (see questions below) to: Adrian Kok or Julie Bach (for current students) **Mail materials to: Dominican University School of Social Work, 7200 West Division, River Forest, Illinois 60305. Application deadline is February 15, 2019** for students starting their internships in Fall 2018. The application is open to all students who are either in the first or second year internships. *Students who have been awarded Kott Scholarships are not eligible to participate in this program.* Your application will be screened by a committee of faculty, our field directors and field instructors. Scholarships between \$1000- \$2000, applied toward your tuition, will be offered to successful candidates for interning in older adult agencies for two semesters, Fall 2018 & Spring 2019, using a rotation model. Discussion with your field instructor about rotation opportunities will be required.

Name: _____ Advisor: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Your current student status:

_____ I am MSW Advanced Standing Program (___ Full-time; ___ Part-time)

_____ I am currently in the MSW program (___ Full time; ___ Part time)

Is the internship in Fall 2018 your first or second internship? First Year / Second Year (Circle one)

Have you received the Kott Scholars Program this year? _____

Please briefly address the following questions on a separate page (one page or less per question)

1. *What are your career goals? Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?*
2. *What would you like to gain from an internship with older adults?*
3. *Propose a rotation plan in your Fall/Spring internship to enhance your learning in the field of gerontology. Identify potential programs and agencies that you would like to work with this year.*

For those entering the advanced or second year, please provide us with the name of your first year field instructor or other social work supervisor as a reference.**

Name	Position	Phone Number
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To be considered for the GSSW Hartford Fellowship Program in Aging, you must be in good standing in the MSW program. (By signing below, you give us permission to contact your reference, access your student file and/or faculty and share information about your background with project staff and potential field instructors with the Fellowship Program.)



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Student Signature: _____
School of Social Work

Date: _____

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