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DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY
Graduate School of Social Work

DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS AND AWARD AMOUNTS

PLEASE NOTE: The awards will be applied to the student's account for the **Fall and Spring** semesters and all students **must be registered for a minimum of 6 credit hours each semester**. **Application for a Dean's Scholarship or Graduate Assistantship does not guarantee appointment.** PLEASE NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to make certain that **all** the scholarship materials have been submitted by the deadline.

1. DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP awards **UP to \$5,000** for the **academic year**. Award recipients will receive one award that will be distributed over the entire academic year. For example, a \$2,000 award will be distributed as follows: \$1,000 in the fall semester and \$1,000 in the spring semester. In order to keep the scholarship for the following semester, recipients must maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA. If the student falls below the cumulative 3.5 GPA, the award will be rescinded.

2. GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP. Recipients will be required to work 7 or 14 hours with a faculty member and/or an administrator. Tuition remission for 1 to 2 classes per semester will be offered for compensation. For example, a student working 7 hours per work will receive tuition remission for one course in the fall semester and one course in the spring semester. **Please note:** as a part of the graduate assistantship application review process, selected faculty and the scholarship committee will interview applicants.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

A student must complete the following application procedures to be eligible for the Dean's Scholarship or Graduate Assistantship.

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST:

- 1. Completed MSW Admissions Application.** In order to be considered for a Dean's Scholarship or Graduate Assistantship, new students must submit a completed MSW admissions application (which includes all required admissions materials—application, personal statement, resume, application fee, and transcripts) and must be accepted into the MSW program before a Dean's Scholarship or Graduate Assistantship decision is made.
- 2. Completed and signed Dean's Scholarship and Graduate Assistantship Application Form.**
- 3. Personal Statement.** In addition to submitting a personal statement for admission purposes, new students must submit a 2-page typed personal statement specifically for the Dean's Scholarship or Graduate Assistantship. If applying for the **Dean's Scholarship or Graduate Assistantship**, please indicate in a 2-page typed essay how the award will assist you in furthering your academic and professional goals and how your research or work experiences will contribute to your role as a Graduate Assistant in a globally focused and family centered MSW program. This form is located in the online application. **Please note: scholarship and graduate assistantship applications will be disqualified if the same content is used from the admissions personal statement.**
- 4. Minimum cumulative GPA.** 3.25 on a 4.0 scale or a 4.25 on a 5.0 scale at their undergraduate institution.

CURRENT STUDENT CHECKLIST:

- 1. Completed and signed Dean's Scholarship and Graduate Assistantship Application Form.**
- 2. Personal Statement.** Students applying for Dean's Scholarship or Graduate Assistantship must submit a 2-page typed statement as to how the award will assist you in furthering your academic and professional goals in a globally focused and family centered MSW program. This form is located in the online application. **Please note: Scholarship and graduate assistantship applications will be disqualified if the same content is used from the admissions personal statement.**

3. **Recommendations.** A) If applying for the **DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP**, **ONE professional reference** (field supervisor, employer, volunteer agency representative etc.) is required. B) If applying for the **GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP**, **ONE academic and ONE professional reference** are required. All reference(s) *must* complete the professional recommendation form(s) located on the GSSW website and submit by the stated deadline.
4. **Transcript.** Provide printed copy of current unofficial DU transcript, available online, is acceptable.
5. **Resume.** Include employment, volunteer, research projects, professional certifications, and association membership.
6. **Minimum cumulative GPA.** 3.25 on a 4.0 scale in MSW courses.