

We are pleased to announce the East Side Council on the Aging (ESCOTA) Social Work Scholarship Program at the Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work.

ESCOTA is a not-for-profit organization of interdisciplinary professionals in the field of aging. Its mission is to share best practices within the public and private sector agencies serving the Upper East Side of Manhattan, through education, discussion, networking and advocacy, with the goal of providing comprehensive support as we age in the community. ESCOTA envisions a vibrant network of informed providers who work together to ensure that older adults thrive within our community.

ESCOTA is presenting this scholarship in order to support and encourage students interested in serving older adults. There is a growing need for geriatric social workers but little infrastructure exists to nurture developing professionals. Our goal is to bolster that infrastructure by providing financial assistance, access to a community of professionals and mentorship

This program will provide a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 to a second year, full-time or residency year OYR student in good standing enrolled as an MSW candidate at the Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work. In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must be continuing in the program next fall. In addition to the financial award, the award will include a one-year membership to ESCOTA, and the opportunity to shadow an ESCOTA board meeting. Additionally, Silberman School of Social Work will match this \$2000, making the award total \$4000 to be used towards tuition.

Requirements:

At the time of application for this scholarship students must be enrolled as a first year, full-time or OYR student in good standing and be a candidate for an MSW at the Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work. Students can be in any method- Clinical Practice, Organization, Management & Leadership, or Community Organizing, but must be planning a

second year field placement in aging services. Preference will be given to students who have chosen the Aging FOP.

To apply:

Submit an essay to scholar@hunter.cuny.edu at the Silberman School of Social Work of no more than 500 words that addresses your *commitment to the field of aging*, as reflected in your life history, work and/or volunteer experiences. Please include the following information:

- name,
- mailing address,
- contact phone numbers,
- e-mail address,
- last 4 digits of social security number, and
- names, titles and contact information for three references
- resume
- transcript.

Final candidates may be contacted for an interview.

Deadline for scholarship applications is July 15th.

For additional information regarding the application process, please contact scholar@hunter.cuny.edu