



Marian Clark Scholarships

The Marian Clark Scholarship is named for Ms. Marian Lisenbee Clark

Mrs. Clark, of Clarksville, TN, graduated from MTSU. When she passed away in 1995, she left a scholarship fund for students who are planning careers in the social services field. Mrs. Clark is remembered by those who knew her as a bright and capable businesswoman with a deep concern for education. As a Sociology major, she recognized that sociologists, anthropologists, and social workers applied their knowledge to effectively help both individuals and society. By endowing scholarships, Mrs. Clark felt that people could be trained to help others, creating a ripple effect and benefiting many people.

Details of Scholarship

Amount of the scholarships:

The Department of Social Work awards scholarships of varying amounts. The intention of the scholarship is to help pay tuition during field practicum. Each year as many as 20 scholarships are awarded.

Who is eligible to apply:

Those MTSU students in practicum this summer or the next academic year. **All applicants must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 or 3.5 in the social work major.**

Criteria that will determine who will be awarded a Marion Clark Scholarship

Some combination of the following factors will be used to determine who will be recognized as a Marian Clark Scholar. The three most important factors will be:

- a. Commitment to the field of social service. Social work is a profession designed and dedicated to promote the health and well-being of individuals, families, groups, and communities. For a student to be eligible for the Marian Clark scholarship, they must be a Social Work major or Master of Social Work student (Pre-Social Work not eligible). Applicants must specifically and clearly document their commitment to social work endeavors. Volunteer work, involvement with service organizations, career plans, and employment experience in the social service area are indicators of commitment.

- b. Scholarship. Overall GPA as well as grades in courses related to social work and scholastic potential will be indicators of scholarship.
- c. Financial need. Insufficient income, need to terminate employment, or not engaged in employment during studies, and other expenses related to attending college are indicators of need.
- d. A person is eligible to be a scholar only during semesters when they are enrolled in field practicum.

Qualities of a Marian Clark Scholar

If you are applying to be a Marian Clark Scholar, then you should indicate in your application statement how you hope to emulate the good work of Marian Clark by helping others. What have you done so far in your life that would reflect that you have the potential to help others? What are you doing academically to prepare yourself to help others?

The Marian Clark Scholarship Committee will evaluate the applications and make recommendations to the Social Work faculty regarding the awardees.

Application Process

Applications can be obtained from the Department of Social Work. When completed, the applications are returned to the Department of Social Work coordinator, Sarah Pruitt, in Academic Classroom Building Suite 130 or via email.

Applications must be received by February 9th. The scholarships are awarded to full-time BSW students and full- and part-time MSW students during spring semester for the following summer and academic year. Scholarships are awarded for semesters in which the student is enrolled in a social work internship and BSWs must be taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences Award Ceremony in April 2024.

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Application for
MARIAN CLARK SCHOLARSHIP

For BSW Majors & MSW Candidates who will be in field practicum next academic term
Applications are due February 9, 2024

Student's Name: _____ BSW: _____ MSW: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student ID: **M#** _____ Email Address: _____ @ **mtmail.mtsu.edu**

Application request for (check one or two that apply):

BSW Practicum BLOCK: SW 4681

☐ Fall 24

☐ Spring 25

MSW Practicum I: SW 6130/40

☐ Summer 24

☐ Fall 24

☐ Spring 25

MSW Practicum II: SW 6310/20

☐ Summer 24

☐ Fall 24

☐ Spring 25

BSW Students must be enrolled in 12 hours during the semester for which the scholarship is awarded, as recipients must be attending full time.

Are you receiving any other scholarships? _____ If so, please list: _____

Are you receiving tuition assistance from another source? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, describe the source and the amount: _____

Applications for scholarships must be received by February 9, 2024.

Return the application form with the following attached:

- **Unofficial transcript from Pipeline** (must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 or 3.5 in Social Work)
- Reference letter from an MTSU faculty member
- Personal statement (typed, double-spaced) which includes: (minimum of 4 paragraphs)
 - What have you done so far in life that would reflect that you have the potential to help others?
 - What are you doing academically to prepare yourself to help others?
 - Rationale as to why you need the scholarship
 - Explain your commitment to the field of social services

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences Award Ceremony in April 2024 in the Student Union Ballroom. Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the ceremony, will be invited, and encouraged to attend the reception and award ceremony to accept the scholarship.

This application with the above attachments is to be turned in to the Department of Social Work – Academic Classroom Bldg Suite 130

Organization Activities:

For each, list the Name of Organization, Elected Offices/Appointments, Committees

[illegible]

Community Activities:

For each activity, list the Name of the Activity, Sponsoring Organization, Time/Date of Service

[illegible]