

# FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Students entering or enrolled in the Garland School of Social Work may apply for financial assistance through the Office of Academic Scholarships and Financial Aid. You may review their services on their website: <https://onestop.web.baylor.edu/>. Additional financial aid information and applications may be obtained from:

Baylor University  
One Stop Student Financial Services  
One Bear Place #97028  
Waco, TX 76798-7028  
254-710-2611 or 1-800-Baylor-U

## Stipends/Scholarships/Tuition Remission

The School provides:

1. Stipends-payment based upon work provided to faculty and/or staff. Stipends are available with varying compensation levels depending upon the nature of the service and the amount of time required of students;
2. Scholarships-payment based upon meeting eligibility criteria of the benefactor(s) with no work requirement and;
3. Tuition remission funding credited directly to the student's account to offset the costs of tuition. Tuition remission covers the tuition charge only. The student must pay required fees with the Cashier's Office prior to financial settlement deadlines.

Information on financial assistance may be obtained from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. **Students receiving financial assistance must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 to avoid the discontinuation of School financial support.**

## Graduate Assistant Stipends

Eligible students may apply for a Graduate Assistant position upon completing their first full term in the program. Please contact the Garland School of Social Work Admissions office or the MSW Program Manager for deadlines and procedures. Students who receive a position will be matched with a faculty member and may work up to 10 hours per week during the academic semesters (fall and spring). If a student is awarded a position, more details on the number of hours available to work will be given. Financial assistance from these positions is based on the number of hours the student works. If students do not fulfill the requirements set out by their supervisors, they may be terminated from their graduate assistant positions. Graduation assistants will receive mandatory training at the beginning of the academic year. Duties may include research, writing, grading, assisting professors with courses, administrative support, and other duties as assigned.

Although the specific responsibilities will vary by the stipend requirements, the number of hours of assistance required by the supervisor will typically not exceed 10 hours per week in order to protect graduate students from excessive commitments away from their own research, practice, and study. Graduate assistants are responsible for complying with all reporting and documenting requirements issued by the Baylor payroll office, the MSW Program Director, the MSW Program Manager, and the Associate Dean. Graduate assistant assignments should not exceed the number of hours specified by the appointment. Consultation with the supervisor or the MSW Program Director, is encouraged if a graduate student has concerns regarding excessive,

unexpected, or other use of time that interferes with the student's course work.

## Additional (non-GSSW) Financial Assistance Resources

### Agency-Based Assistance Programs

Some social service agencies offer tuition assistance for their employees. The social service agency provides employment for the student and pays a portion or all of the employee's tuition in exchange for (1) the student's current employment and/or (2) the student's commitment to work for the agency for a specified period of time after graduation. Information about these programs is available from the social service agencies themselves.

### Loans

Loan plans available to graduate students include the Direct Unsubsidized Loan, the Direct GradPLUS Loan, and other various private alternative lenders. Texas residents will also have the option to apply for the College Access Loan. Information concerning eligibility and applying for these loans can be obtained from: <https://onestop.web.baylor.edu/>.

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When contacting financial aid, please identify yourself as an online student.

### Policy for Financial Award Recipients

Receiving financial support is contingent upon satisfactory academic and professional progress, class attendance, continued enrollment in the prescribed coursework, and certification of eligibility by the Student Financial Services Office. Awardees will follow the procedure of the University Development Office in expressing appreciation for awards. Eligibility to receive funding will be granted on a term-by-term basis. Failure to comply with the terms of the award will result in the student returning all or a portion of the award, consistent with the policies of the Student Financial Aid Office.