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. Financial aid information and applications may be obtained from:

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

Graduate Assistant Stipends
Eligible students may choose to apply for a Graduate Assistant position upon the completion of their first full term in the program. For deadlines and procedures please contact the Garland School of Social Work Admissions office, or the MSW Program Manager. 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). More details on number of hours available to work will be given if a student is awarded a position. Financial assistance from these positions are 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. Mandatory training will be provided to graduation assistants 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 by the Associate Dean. Graduate assistant assignments should not exceed the numbers of hours specified by the appointment. Consultation with the supervisor, MSW Program Director, is encouraged if a graduate student has concerns regarding excessive, unexpected, or other use of time which 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:

Student Financial Aid Office