

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Excellence Scholarship for Graduate Study

Description

Each year, 4 excellence scholarships are awarded to 2 new and 2 returning graduate students. These awards are made on a competitive basis and are designed to fund partial tuition expenses (18 credits per recipient) for one academic year of graduate study at Springfield College. Recipients must be enrolled in a graduate degree program with a course load of at least 9 semester hours during the term(s) in which they utilize the scholarship. Exceptions must be approved by the Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs. The criterion for selection includes academic achievement as well as personal accomplishments and professional promise. Financial need is not a factor.

Eligibility

New Graduate Students	Returning Graduate Students
<p>Must be admitted in good standing to a graduate degree program within the Schools of Arts, Sciences, & Professional Studies, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, Health Sciences and Rehabilitation Studies, or Social Work at Springfield College. Students from the School of Professional & Continuing Studies are not eligible.</p> <p>Must have an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50 or a graduate cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75, provided 18 or more semester hours of graduate credit has been completed at another institution at the time of application.</p> <p>Applicants who are presently enrolled as graduate students at another institution, but will not have completed 18 semester hours of graduate credit by the end of their first Spring semester may apply provided their undergraduate cumulative grade point average is at least 3.50 and their graduate cumulative grade point average is at least 3.75.</p>	<p>Applicants who are presently graduate students at Springfield College and who will have completed a minimum of 18 semester hours of graduate credit (including graduate credit taken at another institution) by the end of their first Spring semester may also apply provided they have a graduate cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher.</p>

Application Process & Deadline

New Graduate Students	Returning Graduate Students
<p>Applicants must submit the Excellence Scholarship Application along with a current resume to the Office of Graduate Admissions by April 1, 2018.</p> <p>A minimum of two recommendation forms are required. Academic transcripts, currently on file with the Office of Graduate Admissions will be used in the selection process.</p>	<p>Applicants must submit the Excellence Scholarship Application along with a current resume to the Office of Graduate Admissions by April 1, 2018.</p> <p>A minimum of two recommendation forms are required. Academic transcripts will be pulled via our database from the Office of the Registrar.</p>

Decisions

New Graduate Students	Returning Graduate Students
<p>Awards will be released by June 1, 2018.</p> <p>All applicants will receive written notification of the decision rendered on their application.</p>	<p>Awards will be released after final grades for the Spring semester of the first year of graduate study are released; no later than July 1, 2018.</p> <p>All applicants will receive written notification of the decision rendered on their application.</p>

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Please complete and return this application by April 1 to:

Office of Graduate Admissions
Springfield College
263 Alden Street
Springfield, MA 01109-3797

Include the following items with your application:

- Current resume
- Personal statement (see question #10)
- At least two recommendations in support of your application

Applications must be received in the Graduate Admissions Office on or before April 1, 2018.

1. Name _____ Student ID # _____
2. Address _____

3. Phone Number (day) _____ (evening) _____
4. Email address _____
5. Degree Sought: Masters _____ Certificate _____ Doctorate _____
6. Intended Major _____
Concentration (if applicable) _____
7. Entry Term _____
8. Previous college(s) attended (list in order of attendance):

Institution	Date of Attendance	Degree (if any)	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
9. Recommendations: Please identify two people who can comment on your ability to complete graduate level study. They should each be given an Excellence Scholarship Recommendation Form for completion (attached). Please return forms to the Office of Graduate Admissions.

Name of Reference	Relationship to Applicant
_____	_____
_____	_____
10. Please attach a personal statement which addresses your qualifications for the Excellence Scholarship, your intended program of study at Springfield College, and your professional/career goals.

I understand that academic transcripts from my admissions file will be used in the evaluation of my scholarship application. I further understand that falsification of any information on this application or its supporting credentials will make me ineligible for the award.

Signature _____ Date _____

Excellence Scholarship for Graduate Study Recommendation Form

Please print or type all information

Section I: To be completed by the APPLICANT.

Name of applicant: _____ Student ID #: _____
 First MI Last

Intended area of study at Springfield College: _____

Name of reference: _____ Relation to applicant: _____

Section II: To be completed by the REFERENCE.

Please complete this recommendation form, sign and date it, then return to:

Springfield College

Office of Graduate Admissions

263 Alden Street

Springfield, MA 01109-3797

Fax: 413-748-3694 * Email: graduate@springfieldcollege.edu

- A. Please note that although this recommendation form will be used primarily for scholarship eligibility assessment by the scholarship review committee, there are occasions when the applicant may request to see it and to have a copy made for employment purposes. If you do **not** wish to have this recommendation viewed by the applicant and copied, please sign here.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

- B. Please comment on the applicant's intellectual and personal qualifications for successfully completing this graduate program. Include how you have come to know the applicant and for how long. You may use the back of this form if needed or attach additional pages if you wish.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Position: _____

Employer/address: _____