This fund has been established by Dr. Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, Founding Dean of the College of Public Service at Jackson State University, to provide scholarships and professional development support for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the disciplines in the College of Public Service at Jackson State University.

Applicants for this scholarship must be at least junior level undergraduate or graduate students admitted and enrolled in the College of Public Service disciplines.

A student will be selected based on: Leadership qualities (exemplified by organizational and extracurricular, professional or community involvement activities). Graduate student applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above. Master’s applicants must be full-time students in accordance with their discipline’s requirements. Undergraduate student applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above. Doctoral applicants are not required to be full-time students. Doctoral applicants must have passed the comprehensive examination and have the dissertation proposal approved by the dissertation committee. Scholarships may be awarded for doctoral dissertation work. A budget request and justification must be submitted by student. First priority will be given to native Mississippians of African-American origin.

The mission of the College of Public Service is to educate students from diverse backgrounds for outstanding professional service and to develop local, national, and international innovative leaders in the professional academic disciplines represented in the Schools of Health Sciences, Policy and Planning, and Social Work.

Applications may be picked up from the School of Social Work, Executive Director’s Office.

Deadline for applications is April 4, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
Gwendolyn Spencer Prater
Endowed Scholarship Fund for Public Service Students
College of Public Service
Jackson State University

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City:____________________________  State:______________________ Zip Code: _____________

City and State of Birth:___________________________  Country of Origin:____________________

E-mail Addresses: _______________________________________
Telephone Number: ______________________________________

Social Security Number: ________________________  J-Number: _______________________________

Gender:___________________________________  Race:___________________________________

Department of: __________________________________________

Degree Sought: ☐ Bachelor’s ☐ Master’s ☐ Doctoral  Status: ☐ Full-Time
Enrollment: ☐ Junior ☐ Doctoral ☐ Part-Time
☐ Senior

Year:  1  2  3  4  Other:_________ Expected Date of Graduation:  ___________ GPA:_______

Note: Please ensure that the items listed below are returned to Jackson State University, College of
Public Service, Dean’s Office by April 4.

APPLICANT SUBMISSION CRITERIA
☐ A completed application
☐ A bust photo (wallet size—approximately 2”x3”) included on the page with your
  biographical sketch to include the city, state, and country of which you are a native, current
  residency, leadership activities (exemplified by organizational and extracurricular, professional,
  or community involvement activities), grade point average, and family background.
☐ An essay on “Why you should receive this particular scholarship”
☐ A transcript from JSU P.A.W.S.
☐ A budget request and justification (doctoral student only)

CERTIFICATION
I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my
knowledge.

___________________________________________ ________________
Applicant’s Signature                 Date