

## *Dr. Gwendolyn Spencer Prater*

Endowed Scholarship Fund for Social Work Students

Jackson State University

College of Public Service

School of Social Work

This fund has been established by Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, Ph.D., the Founding Dean of the School of Social Work at Jackson State University to provide scholarships and professional development support for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in social work degree programs at Jackson State University.

A student will be selected based on the following criteria:

Applicants must demonstrate leadership qualities (exemplified by organizational and extracurricular, professional, or community involvement activities). Applicants for this scholarship must be at least a junior level undergraduate or a graduate student admitted and enrolled full-time in a social work degree program at Jackson State University. Doctoral applicants, however, are not required to be full-time students. Doctoral students must have passed the comprehensive examination and have the dissertation proposal approved by the dissertation committee to be eligible applicants. Scholarships may be awarded for doctoral dissertation work. A budget request and justification must be submitted by the student. First priority will be given to native Mississippians of African-American origin.

Graduate student applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above. Undergraduate student applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above.

The mission of the School of Social Work incorporates the historic legacies of both the University and the social work profession in overcoming oppression, discrimination, and injustice. Therefore, the School of Social Work prepares social workers to enhance human well-being and promote social, economic, and political justice. The School of Social Work fulfills this mission by providing a supportive academic environment and opportunities for a diverse population to earn social work degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. The School focuses on the development of leadership and scholarship in social work practice, education, and research.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Origin \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s): Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ J#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification:  Undergraduate

Graduate

Enrollment:

Junior

Senior

Masters

Doctorate

Status:  Full-Time

Part-Time

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Please ensure that the items listed below are returned to Jackson State University, School of Social Work, Interim Executive Director's Office **by April 15:**

## **APPLICANT SUBMISSION CRITERIA**

- A completed application.
- A cumulative transcript (from JSU PAWS) of your grades through the most recent term.
- A bust photo (wallet size – approximately 2" x 3") attached on the page with your biographical sketch that includes 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 the particular scholarship."
- Budget Request and Justification (**Doctoral Students 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