

Student Awards Available to: MPA, MPA-HA, MNL, MPP, and PAP Students

Students in the MPA, MPA-HA, MNL, MPP, and PAP programs are eligible for most all of the following graduate student awards and scholarships. However, some awards are restricted to specific programs or specific conditions.

- **Application Process:** You can apply for the following awards using the [online PSU scholarship application](#) unless otherwise indicated.
- **Application Deadline:** February 1st (unless otherwise indicated).

Ron Cease Founders Award

Criteria: Ron Cease, PSU Professor Emeritus and founder of the Division of Public Administration, and his wife Jane Cease led active careers as state administrators and as Oregon legislators. These scholarships honor graduate students by providing financial assistance to those who are planning careers in public service and are pursuing on a full-time basis an Masters of Public Administration (MPA), Masters of Public Administration: Health Administration (MPA:HA), or Masters of Public Health: Health Management (MPH:HMP) degree. A GRA position may also be given to Founder's Award recipients depending on the availability of funds.

Amber Fowler Public Administration Scholarship

Criteria: This scholarship is for students age 22 or older with financial need who are pursuing degrees in the Master of Public Administration program. Preference will be given to students with a concentration in nonprofit management.

Vera Katz Endowed Scholarship

Criteria: This fund will provide a scholarship to a single parent (male or female) who is admitted to a graduate degree program in the College of Urban and Public Affairs (Masters or PhD) and who demonstrates a commitment to public service.

Eva Kripalani Annual Scholarship

Criteria: Graduate student with financial need and a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Judith Ramaley Community Engaged Scholarship

The Judith Ramaley Community Engaged Scholarship benefits any undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a degree program in the Hatfield School of Government who is working directly with faculty and practitioners in community-centered inquiry on important issues affecting Oregon. Students must have an approved project and faculty advisor.

APWA Michael Lindberg Public Works Association Scholarship

Criteria: This scholarship is for students in either the Masters of Public Administration or Masters of Urban and Regional Planning programs who are interested in a career in Public Works and are an Oregon resident.

Robert and Rosemary Low Memorial Award

Criteria: The Robert and Rosemary Low Memorial Award, the gift of the Estate of Robert and Rosemary Low, was established to give special recognition to academically qualified graduate students with physical handicaps.

Deborah Murdock Scholarship

Criteria: The Deborah Murdock Scholarship will be awarded annually to assist Portland State University graduate students in achieving their educational goals. The fund will support tuition, fees, books, or other expenses for a graduate student with financial need who is dedicated to a career in public service.

PSU Laurels Graduate Tuition Remission Program-CUPA

Criteria: The PSU Laurels Graduate Tuition Remission Program was instituted to provide recognition and financial support to the best and brightest students and to enhance enrollment diversity. The program provides partial tuition remission to competitively selected, academically meritorious graduate students in all fields.

Frank L. Roberts Community Service Scholarship

Criteria: This scholarship is awarded to a student who exemplifies a spirit of public and community service and commitment to education. Applicants must have applied to or be admitted to a College of Urban and Public Affairs graduate degree program, in good academic standing, and enrolled for at least six graduate credit hours per term. An excellent undergraduate portfolio is required and financial need will be considered. Applicants must complete the FAFSA for the current academic year.

The Joseph and Alice Savel Scholarship

Criteria: This fund will provide a PSU graduate student a scholarship who is pursuing a career related to long-term care of the elderly. The family created this scholarship in an effort to promote the principles of person-centered care provided with dignity and respect for all elders, regardless of the elder's degree of disability or dependence.

Urban and Public Affairs Graduate Memorial Award

Criteria: This award is given annually to outstanding graduate students in the College of Urban and Public Affairs.

David and Linda Smeltzer Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Criteria: The purpose of the David and Linda Smeltzer Scholarship is to attract outstanding students who use wheelchairs for mobility. These are students who contribute to the campus learning environment by sharing their unique strengths and diverse perspectives through their involvement in on-campus activities and participation in community service.

Eligibility requirements: High-school graduates who have been admitted to PSU, and Undergraduate students with a 2.50 college level GPA; Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate students with a 3.00 college-level GPA. Preference is given to Oregon residents.

State Treasurer Urban Pioneer Award Scholarship

Criteria: The State Treasurer's Urban Pioneer Scholarship will support undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Urban & Public Affairs who are first generation college students or returning students with financial need who plan to pursue a career in public service. Students must be at least at a sophomore level, with a minimum GPA of 3.0, be a US Citizen or resident alien, and have submitted the FAFSA form. Graduate students must be enrolled at least 6.0 credit hours per term.

Stoll Family Public Service Scholarship

Criteria: The scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student who is planning a career in public service, non-profit, or government work. Recipients will be selected based on financial need, academic merit, and career promise. Preference will be given to students currently working in the public service, non-profit, or government sectors.

Monroe M. Sweetland Endowed Community Leadership Scholarship

Criteria: The Monroe M. Sweetland Endowed Community Leadership Scholarship honors a remarkable Oregonian and steadfast friend of the University, Monroe M. Sweetland. This scholarship reflects his lifelong interests and career accomplishments and assists students in some of PSU's most distinguished and active professional programs.

Judith Lynne Taylor Scholarship

Criteria: The Judith Lynn Taylor Scholarship Program is a gift of the Estate of Judith Lynn Taylor, a resident of the state of Washington, to be used to benefit women graduate students.

James H. Ward Endowed Scholarship

Criteria: This scholarship is for a full time graduate student with outstanding academic qualifications and demonstrated financial need.

David Gould Scholarship Program

Criteria: David Gould Scholarship Program offers talented graduate students in the fields of public administration, public policy, or international development some support to facilitate their participation in the ASPA annual conference. Each year at least two students receive a nominal stipend and a free registration for the SICA Symposium. Nominations for graduate students for a Gould Scholarship must be a letter of nomination by a faculty member. (More information on applying can be found on the [ASPA/SICA website](#).)

Gregory A. Chaille Public Service Scholarship

Criteria: Students must be in a graduate program intended to lead to a career in public service, must enroll at least half time in an Oregon four-year public and nonprofit only. This scholarship honors Gregory A. Chaille, who was devoted to improving life in Oregon during his 30 years of leadership and service at The Oregon Community Foundation. In an essay, describe your aspirations to impact your community and the world for the better. Students interested in applying by the March 1st deadline can go directly to the [Oregon Student Aid website](#).

Student Awards Available to Ph.D. Students

Nancy Chapman Endowed Scholarship

Criteria: This fund benefits a PhD student in the College of Urban and Public Affairs with demonstrated financial need, and a promise of accomplishment in an academic or professional career. Preference will be given to students who have a dissertation proposal accepted by his or her committee.

John F. Longres Dissertation Research Endowment

The purpose of this scholarship is to promote social work research by supporting doctoral students who are all but dissertation. Research of the selected student should be on topics related to class, ethnic, and other inter-group relations.