Marian Clark Scholarship

**The Marian Clark Scholarship is named for Ms. Marian Lisenbee Clark**

Mrs. Clark, of Clarksville, TN, graduated from MTSU in her early 50’s. When she passed away in 1995, she left a scholarship fund for students who are planning careers in the social services field. Mrs. Clark is remembered by those who knew her as a bright and capable business woman with a deep concern for education. As a Sociology major, she recognized that sociologists, anthropologists, and social workers applied their knowledge to effectively help both individuals and society.

By endowing scholarships, Mrs. Clark felt that people could be trained to help others creating a ripple effect and benefiting many people.

**Details of Scholarship**

**Amount of the scholarships:** The Department of Social Work awards scholarships of varying amounts. For the most part, the intention of the scholarship is to pay for tuition and fees and/or related expenses, such as field practicum expenses. Each year approximately 20 scholarships are awarded.

**Who is eligible to apply:**

**THOSE MTSU STUDENTS IN FIELD PRACTICUM NEXT ACADEMIC TERM. All applicants must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 or 3.5 in major.**

**Criteria that will determine who will be awarded a Marian Clark Scholarship**

Some combination of the following factors will be used to determine who will be recognized as a Marian Clark Scholar. The three most important factors will be:

a. **Commitment to the field of social service.** Social Service is defined as social work in Webster’s Dictionary. Social work is a profession designed and dedicated to promote the health and well-being of individuals, families, groups, and communities. For a student to be eligible for the Marian Clark scholarship, they must be a Social Work major that can specifically and clearly document their commitment to social work endeavors. Volunteer work, involvement with service organizations, career plans, and employment experience in the social service area are indicators of commitment.

b. **Scholarship.** Overall GPA as well as grades in courses related to social work and scholastic potential will be indicators of scholarship.

c. **Financial need.** Insufficient income, need to terminate employment, or not engaged in employment during studies, and other expenses related to attending college are indicators of need.

d. A person is eligible to be a scholar only during semesters when they are enrolled in field practicum.

**Qualities of a Marian Clark Scholar**

If you are applying to be a Marian Clark Scholar, then you should indicate in your application statement how you hope to emulate the good work of Marian Clark by helping others. What have you done so far in your life that would reflect that you have the potential to help others? What are you doing academically to prepare yourself to help others?

The Marian Clark Scholarship Committee will evaluate the applications and make recommendations to the Social Work, faculty regarding the awardees.

**Application Process**

Applications can be obtained from the assistant in the Department of Social Work. When completed, the applications are returned to the Department of Social Work assistant, Dian White, in Peck Hall 134.

Applications must be received by the last school day of February. The scholarships are granted during the spring semester of each year for the following academic year.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences Award Ceremony in April.

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Application for

MARIAN CLARK SCHOLARSHIP

for

BSW and MSW Social Work Majors
who will be in field practicum next academic term

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________ BSW: _______ MSW: _______

Address: ________________________________________________________

City __________________________________ State __________________________ Zip

Student ID: M# __________________________ Email Address: ________ @ mtmail.mtsu.edu

Application request for (check one or two that apply):

BSW FIELD I: □ Summer 15 □ Fall 15 □ Spring 16

BSW FIELD II: □ Summer 15 □ Fall 15 □ Spring 16

MSW Practicum II: □ Summer 15 □ Spring 16

Are you receiving any other scholarships? _________ If so, please list: ________________________________

__________________________________________________________

Are you receiving tuition assistance from another source? Yes __________ No __________

If yes, describe the source and the amount: __________________________________________________________

Applications for scholarships must be received by Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Applications for scholarships must be completed in ink.

Return the application form with the following attached:

➤ Unofficial transcript (must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 or 3.5 in major)
➤ Type statement as to why you need the scholarship, what you plan to do with the money, and your commitment to the social service field
➤ Reference letter from a faculty member
➤ A typed statement in regard to what you have done so far in your life that would reflect that you have the potential to help others. What are you doing academically to prepare yourself to help others?

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This application with the above attachments is to be turned in to the

Department of Social Work – Dian White, Peck Hall 134
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For each, list the Name of Organization, Elected Offices/Appointments, Committees

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### Community Activities:
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