

Christine Smith \$15,000.00 Graduate Studies Scholarship



A graduate level scholarship for students specializing in children and family issues

The Educational Foundation, IOOF, with funding from the estate of Christine Smith and the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has established the Christine Smith \$15,000.00 Graduate Studies Scholarship for graduate level studies specializing in children and family issues. Each year, the program will award a scholarship to an individual to undertake a masters or doctoral degree specializing in children and family studies at a notable university.

The scholarship will be awarded to respond to the need for graduate study programs which combine academic rigor, research and specialized training in children and family issues. The objective of this scholarship is to enable the participant to conduct critical inquiry and evaluation, and to become a highly trained professional working in the field of social intervention that will impact the disadvantaged and underserved. The Educational Foundation, IOOF seeks scholars who, on completion of their research and study programs, will apply their enhanced knowledge and skills to make a contribution to societal well-being.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To apply for the Christine Smith scholarship, an applicant must:

Be in good health and of good character.

Hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent and a superior record in previous academic work.

Have two or more years of recent professional experience in the field of social work or a related field.

Propose a program of study specializing in children or family issues at the master's or doctoral level.

OTHER ELIGIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS

In addition to the specific eligibility requirements and a special focus on scholastic and professional qualifications, consideration on the following factors forms an essential part of the review process and reflects the objectives of the Scholarship:

The scholarship program gives priority to applicants from the United States and Canada.

The program doesn't support applicants for a masters program who already hold a graduate degree.

One of the scholarship program's basic objectives is to enable scholars to take on positions of leadership in dealing with issues that affect the quality of life for children and families through particularized social intervention.

The program does not support individuals whose professional experience has mostly been accrued abroad.

TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION SEND A WRITTEN OR EMAIL REQUEST TO:

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Application forms for selection of the Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship will be available from the Educational Foundation Director annually from **September** through **January**. The Christine Smith Scholarship provides benefits (up to \$15,000.00 US Dollars) for the recipient covering tuition (including student fees), books and a monthly subsistence allowance to assist with living expenses. If you do not meet all eligibility requirements, please do not apply.