Fellowships, Scholarships, and Financial Aid: Investing in Your Success
$4 MILLION
IN SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT FOR MANDEL SCHOOL STUDENTS

96%
MSSA STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT, TOTALING OVER $4 MILLION PER YEAR

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FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

16TH
CLEVELAND’S RANKING ON FORBES’ LIST OF MOST AFFORDABLE CITIES, WITH A COST OF LIVING LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

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RANKED SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IN AMERICA (#1 IN OHIO), BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

100%
FULL-TIME ON-CAMPUS MSSA STUDENTS RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR THEIR FIELD WORK
SCHOLARSHIPS
Every student who applies to the Mandel School is automatically considered for our merit and need-based scholarships that range from partial awards to full tuition. Many of our scholarships are made possible by the generosity of our alumni and other donors to the Mandel School's Annual Fund, which is used solely for student scholarships.

PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS
The Mandel School values the experience and leadership skills students obtain through the service corps programs. To honor your service, the Mandel School has established scholarship support for your commitment to leading change.

Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Scholarship
The Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Scholarship is provided to eligible Returning Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCV). Coverdell fellowships are awarded up to half-tuition support.

Coro Fellows Program and Teach For America Scholarships
These scholarships are awarded up to half-tuition to current members and alumni of the Coro Fellows Program and Teach for America.

Segal AmeriCorps Education Award Match
AmeriCorps alumni will receive either an educational award match or Mandel School Scholarship (whichever is the greater benefit).

INTENSIVE WEEKEND SCHOLARSHIPS
Intensive Weekend MSSA students are eligible for a 25% tuition remission scholarship. This support allows students throughout the country to have access to a graduate social work program through attending class one weekend a month.

Child Welfare Fellows Program
MSSA students who are employed by a public welfare agency in one of ten Northeast Ohio counties are eligible for 75% tuition remission through our Child Welfare Fellows program.
The Leadership Fellows Program at the Mandel School is designed for exceptionally qualified, highly-motivated candidates who are interested in leadership, best practice approaches to human service delivery and community practice, and making a positive influence in the world. It awards full-time, two-year students pursuing a Master of Science in Social Administration (MSSA) with full-tuition scholarships, plus $500 per year for participation in professional development activities (such as attending or presenting at conferences).

The Leadership Fellows Program was developed in consultation with Mandel School faculty and alumni and numerous community leaders in social services, education, and philanthropy. It includes the Louis Stokes Fellowship in Community and Social Development, established in honor of Cleveland civil rights pioneer and former Congressman Louis Stokes, which provides a full-tuition scholarship to an African-American or Hispanic student who has demonstrated leadership in community development.

Fellows participate in a number of educational opportunities, including:

- Two specialized required courses: Evidence-Based Practices and Theory and Practice of Leadership.
- Innovative field placements and seminars focused upon the planning and implementation of evidence-based practice for vulnerable populations.
- Capstone project: An individual or group project addressing the implementation of a best or evidence-based practice that will be presented at a student-led seminar in the final semester.
- Mentoring: Each fellow will be matched with an outstanding community leader who will provide individual consultation and support for leadership and career development.
- Informal group activities: Lunches, seminars, and discussions will be organized by the program director in consultation with the fellows.
- Alumni network: Leadership Fellows graduates will be invited to serve as mentors to new fellows and encouraged to participate in the program’s seminars, lectures, and informal gatherings.

Candidates with a bachelor’s degree in any discipline will be considered if they demonstrate the following:

- Superior undergraduate educational performance and a 3.2 grade-point average or higher (on a 4.0 scale; 3.0 for Stokes Fellowship)
- An exemplary record of previous school, community, or human services volunteer or work-related experience
- Evidence of leadership capabilities as demonstrated by previous positions of leadership, letters of reference, and a personal statement in the program application
- Interest and capability to pursue a rigorous academic program, including additional program requirements
- Application submission by January 15, 2016

I come from a low-income family, so the scholarships I received made a difference between being able to attend the Mandel School or not.
Federal Assistance
Federal aid from loans and employment may be available upon completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov. The Mandel School FAFSA code is E00084.

Federal Direct Loan
Graduate and professional students may borrow funds each year through this program. The maximum unsubsidized loan available is $20,500 per year. Repayment of these loans begins six months after graduation.

Federal Perkins Loan
Federal Perkins Loans are awarded by Case Western Reserve University to select high-need students. Repayment of Perkins loans is deferred until nine months after a student graduates.

Graduate PLUS Loan
Graduate PLUS Loans are credit-based, unsubsidized loans for graduate and professional students. Graduate PLUS Loans help pay for educational expenses up to the cost of attendance minus all other financial support.

Veteran Support
The Mandel School is a proud participant in The Yellow Ribbon Program, which gives eligible veterans and their dependents the opportunity to pursue a master’s degree. The Mandel School and the Veterans Administration cover tuition and fees for Yellow Ribbon participants during each academic term.
EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS
We invite you to seek out external scholarships and additional support through organizations with which you, partners, family and friends are affiliated. Many students successfully secure additional support through their involvement and leadership in the community.

YOU HAVE AN ALLY
Remember, you’re not alone in this process. The Mandel School’s admissions office has a dedicated financial aid adviser on staff to answer your scholarship questions and match you with the best financial aid opportunities available. Our adviser can help you get what you want, yet not more than you need.

HOW TO APPLY
We encourage you to apply to the Mandel School. The application form is online: msass.case.edu/apply. There is no application fee and all undergraduate majors are considered for the program. Your application must include:

- Transcripts demonstrating successful completion of a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
- Three recommendation letters (preferably from a faculty member, direct supervisor, or volunteer coordinator)
- Personal statement that is exemplary of graduate school-level writing
- Resume highlighting your paid and volunteer experiences
Your passion to change the world is without limits.

Let us help you put your passion within reach.
Think Beyond

As the #9 ranked social work school in the United States and the highest ranked school at Case Western Reserve University, the Mandel School is at the forefront of educating future leaders in social work and nonprofit management. Our mission is to promote social justice and empower communities. Our research is shaping public policy, informing social change, and transforming lives. Our students are talented, compassionate, diverse people who are educated and mentored by world-renowned professors and taught in a rigorous, groundbreaking curriculum that will prepare them to change the world.

If you are thinking about how you want to change the world, think the Mandel School. To learn more or schedule a visit:

- Email: MandelSchool@case.edu
- Call: 216.368.1655
- Visit: msass.case.edu/admissions