



## **The Derrick L. Anderson Memorial MSW Scholarship**

### **I. Purpose**

The Derek L. Anderson Memorial Scholarship is given to doctoral or MSW students who demonstrate leadership, support, or involvement in organizations, activities or issues in scholarship that promotes responsible and informed social work practice with transgender, bisexual, lesbian, or gay (TBLG) individuals and/or communities.

- II.** The scholarship was established by Patricia Edwards, a U-M SSW alumna who seeks to empower students who are making significant contributions toward a more just and equitable society for all people.
- III.** Her hope is to assist students who possess a high degree of integrity and who have demonstrated leadership, support of, or involvement in organizations, activities, scholarship, or issues that promote responsible and informed social work practice with TBLG individuals and/or communities in the pursuit of their educational goals.

### **IV. Form of Support:**

A \$1,500 award is available for a MSW student.

### **V. Eligibility/Criteria:**

1. Enrollment as a full-time or part-time student in good standing in the Master of Social Work program at the University of Michigan.
2. This award is intended for any University of Michigan MSW student who has demonstrated leadership, support or involvement in organizations, activities, issues, or scholarship that promote responsible and informed social work practice with LGBTQ individuals and/or communities. Please include past, current, and future attention. These demonstrated qualities are the primary criteria to be used in determining the recipient of each award.
3. Special consideration will be given to applications which include documented leadership, support, or involvement in social work practice with LGBTQ communities of color and/or LGBTQ persons living with HIV/AIDS.
4. Willingness to be publicly recognized as a recipient of the award.\*

*\*Neither application for nor acceptance of this award is construed as an indicator of the sexual orientation of the individual.*

### **VI. Required Material:**

1. Application coversheet.
2. A typed, one-page statement, double-spaced, addressing how the applicant meets the award criteria (listed above).
3. One recommendation letter supporting and/or adding to the applicant's one-page statement explaining how they meet the award criteria.
4. Resume.

Applicants are **strongly** encouraged to include the following with their application:

1. A second letter of recommendation.
2. Additional documentation demonstrating that the applicant meets the award criteria.

**Award Selection:**

An award announcement will be made in December 2023. A committee comprised of a faculty liaison to the Queer Advocacy Coalition (formerly Rainbow Network) and at least two Queer Advocacy Coalition alumni will select award recipients, based on the criteria above.

**Application Deadline: September 15, 2023, 5:00 pm (EST)**

The required materials listed below must be submitted to: [ssw-finaid@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-finaid@umich.edu) no later than the deadline below. **Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**



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**Application Coversheet**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UMID # \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (check box to sign)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By checking the signature box, you certify that you are enrolled as a full-time student in good standing in the Master of Social Work program at the University of Michigan, and should you be selected for an award as a result of this application process, you consent to be publicly recognized as a recipient of the Derrick L. Anderson Memorial award.\*

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**Attach the following required material:**

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