The Detroit Clinical Scholars Program prepares MSW students to work with underserved racial and ethnic minority children, adolescents and transitional age youth living with physical and behavioral health conditions.

A total of 33 scholarships will be awarded to incoming MSW students each year. Scholars will be uniquely prepared for positions in integrated behavioral health and primary care, mental health and behavioral health settings, hospitals, health departments, health agencies, schools or nonprofit agencies.

$20,000 stipend/scholarship aid ($5,000 per semester for four terms: $5,000 scholarship for the first fall term, $5,000 stipend for winter term, $5,000 stipend for spring/summer term and $5,000 scholarship for the second fall term).

The Scholarship Program is funded by a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration and the School of Social Work.
Michael Joiner-Hill grew up on Detroit’s west side, one of six kids raised by a single mother. He knows first-hand the difficulties, as well as the dangers, facing vulnerable, at-risk youth. And he credits his stern yet loving mother with being the driving force that kept her kids from the gang activity and violence in their community, steering them towards volunteerism, athletics and most importantly, education. Michael excelled in all of those areas, gaining admission into the University of Michigan, where he earned his Bachelor’s degree in Psychology. One of his proudest moments came when he was offered a spot in the School of Social Work’s MSW program.

“There are so many young people living in disadvantaged situations who aren’t getting the message that, despite your circumstances, you CAN be someone who succeeds and changes the fortune of this city. I have a personal success story to share that could be helpful to them, and I am going back to Detroit to proudly represent that message.”

“"My Clinical Scholars Program scholarship allows me the opportunity to work with others who share my passion for helping under-represented people and communities.""