

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD PROGRAMS**

**I. W.K. AND L.M. REHFELD  
SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND (Available to BSW and MSW students)**

Ball State University Foundation  
Account # 8051

- A. Donors: In 1966, W. Karl Rehfeld and his wife, Lea, moved to Muncie to begin a social work program at Ball State University. In the ten years that followed, the program emerged from a few courses to a full department with a curriculum accredited by the Council on Social Work Education in 1974. In keeping with their dedication to helping students in the social work major at Ball State University, the Rehfeld family provided a financial gift to the Ball State Foundation in 1981. The purpose of this financial gift was to provide financial assistance for BSW social work majors or MSW graduate students. It is with gratitude that the Department provides this resource to our students.
- B. Criteria For Awards:
1. Scholarship
  2. Financial need
  3. Service to the profession of Social Work
  4. Minimum grade point average of 2.5 for financial assistance for BSW students only
  5. Minimum grade point average of 3.0 for scholarship for BSW and MSW students
  6. Students must be enrolled as full-time social work majors or graduate students during the semester in which the award funds are applied.
  7. Award may be renewed if eligibility remains
- C. Selection: Award recipients will be chosen on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee of the Department of Social Work.
- D. Publicity: Publicity concerning award recipients is the responsibility of the Department of Social Work in cooperation with the Office of University Relations.
- E. Notice: Notice of recipient(s) is to be sent to the Office of University Relations.

## **II. Edward and Maureen Dobrow Social Work Scholarship (Available to BSW students)**

Ball State University Foundation Fund

#8052

- A. Donors: This scholarship fund was created by Ed and Maureen Dobrow of Muncie, Indiana. Ed Dobrow is the owner and President of Dobrow Industries, Inc. It is with gratitude that the Department of Social Work provides this resource to BSW social work majors.
- B. Criteria For Awards:
1. Students must be enrolled as full-time social work majors during the semester in which the award funds are applied.
  2. Preference will be given to non-traditional students.
  3. Preference will be given to students demonstrating financial need; however, other qualified students will also be eligible for the award.
  4. The student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
  5. Students must display a professional commitment to the field of social work through community volunteer and/or work experiences.
  6. Award may be renewed if eligibility remains.
- C. Selection: Award recipients will be chosen on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee of the Department of Social Work.
- D. Publicity: Publicity concerning award recipients is the responsibility of the Department of Social Work in cooperation with the Office of University Relations.
- E. Notice: Notice of recipient(s) is to be sent annually to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dobrow, c/o Dobrow Industries, P.O. Box 2188, Muncie, Indiana 47307.

### **III. HARRY J. AND DELPHA S. MACY SCHOLARSHIP (Available to BSW students)**

Ball State University Foundation

Account # 8053

- A. Donors: In 2004, Dr. Harry J. Macy retired after serving as the Chairperson of the Social Work Department for 27 years. Under his leadership, Ball State University became nationally known as offering a premier accredited Baccalaureate Social Work degree.

Ms. Delpha S. Macy retired from the social work profession in 2003. She was the founder and director of the family preservation program offered by a comprehensive mental health center serving three East Central Indiana bounties.

Prior to earning their MSW degrees at Indiana University and beginning their professional social work careers in 1967, Dr. and Ms. Macy served 2 years as U.S. Peace Corps teachers in Tabora, Tanzania.

Together, Dr. and Ms. Macy provided a combined total of 75 years of social work practice, public education and professional service during their careers.

The Macy Scholarship program recognizes their life-long commitment to excellence in professional social work practice. The Macy Scholarship program was created to help the Department continue to provide high quality education to exceptionally well-qualified social work students. First awarded in 2008 and to continue in perpetuity, students receive academic, merit-based financial assistance from this scholarship program.

B. Criteria For Awards:

1. Students must be enrolled as full-time, senior-level social work majors during the semester in which the award funds are applied.
2. Have a commitment to advancing the social work profession
3. Be dedicated to promoting social and economic justice and demonstrate energy, perseverance, and courage in addressing social problems
4. Have a life-long commitment to voluntary service to others
5. Have a history of scholarship and academic excellence
6. Demonstrate vision and a potential for leadership in strengthening health and human service

- C. Selection: Award recipients will be chosen on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee of the Department of Social Work.

- D. Publicity: Publicity concerning award recipients is the responsibility of the Department of Social Work in cooperation with the Office of University Relations.

- E. Notice: Notice of recipient(s) is to be sent to the Office of University Relations.

## APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

### **W. K. and L. M. Rehfeld Scholarship and Financial Assistance Fund (Available to MSW & BSW students)**

### **Edward and Maureen Dobrow Social Work Scholarship (Available to BSW students)**

### **Harry J. and Delpha S. Macy Scholarship (Available to BSW students)**

Please read the administrative procedures and application directions carefully and follow the outlined steps:

A. Administrative Procedures:

1. Applications for the Edward and Maureen Dobrow Social Work Scholarship, the W. K. and L. M. Rehfeld Scholarship and Financial Assistance Fund Awards, and the Harry J. and Delpha S. Macy Scholarship are due on or before **April 16, 2026**.
2. Based on applications received on the due date, awards will be granted Spring Semester of that calendar year, and may be used for Summer Term and the Fall and/or Spring Semester/s of the next academic year.
3. Awards are only for the academic terms defined above. New applications must be submitted each year. (No awards are made in subsequent years without new applications being submitted.) Applicants are advised to keep copies of their application for future reference.

- | <u>B. Steps For Completing The Applications</u>  | <u>Time<br/>Deadline</u> |
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| 1) Complete this application and return to the Department of Social Work, Health Professions Building, HB 501, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306.  | April 16, 2026, 5pm EST  |
| 2) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is required for a financial assistance grant <u>and</u> optional for the scholarship grant.<br>For additional information and to find the FAFSA website, click on the Ball State Office of Financial Aid website at <a href="https://www.bsu.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-scholarships">https://www.bsu.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-scholarships</a><br>(Note: In your FAFSA and other documentation, you will need to provide Ball State's federal code, 001786.) | April 16, 2026, 5pm EST  |
| 3) Attach to the Application a reference from someone other than a Social Work faculty member. References could include past or present employers, volunteer supervisors, or non-departmental faculty members.   |                          |
| 4) Awardees will be required to write a thank-you note to the Scholarship Committee to be forwarded to the scholarship donors. In addition, recipients will be expected to come to the department to have their picture taken.   |                          |
| 5) Please <u>TYPE</u> (using Word) all responses. References also must be <u>typed</u> .<br><b>Applications that are not typed will not be evaluated/processed.</b><br>For further clarification, please contact:<br>Judith I. Gray, Chairperson<br>Health Professions Building, Room 501<br>765-285-1016 or <a href="mailto:jgray2@bsu.edu">jgray2@bsu.edu</a>  |                          |

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
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**Application Form**

**A. APPLYING FOR:**

Rehfeld \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check criteria)

Dobrow \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check criteria)

Macy \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check criteria)

**B. PERSONAL DATA:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Class Standing (Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduate Student): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Ball State ID # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Area Code

Telephone Number

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(while attending BSU) Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Area Code

Telephone Number

How do you plan to finance the remainder of your current undergraduate or graduate college education?

**C. EXTRACURRICULAR AND/OR ACTIVITY IN COLLEGE OR COMMUNITY:**

Please list all extracurricular and/or civic activity which may be relevant for an undergraduate Social Work major or Masters Social Work student. Include offices and leadership roles.



3.
  - a. Briefly explain a social problem of concern to you and include your ideas regarding the solutions social work can provide.
  - b. What skills and abilities do you have that would contribute to the solutions for this problem?
  - c. Elaborate on your specific reasons for entering the social work profession and your future goals/plans for using your degree.

**E. PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT UPDATE (If previously received a Dobrow or Rehfeld award, please complete this section):**

1. If you received a Dobrow or Rehfeld funded award last year, you described a pressing social problem of concern to you. Explain how the classes you have taken this calendar year (or seminars you have attended) have added to your perception of the social problem, as well as providing you with knowledge pertaining to the solution. (It is not necessary to write an essay on the problem again, a narrative update is required.)
2. Please update the committee on any continuing or new volunteer or work experiences you have had related to social work.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**  
**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE FORM**

The Department of Social Work award scholarships and financial assistance to qualified students. Please provide a reference for this student commenting on the applicant's scholarship, skills and abilities and professional promise. **References cannot be from Ball State University Social Work faculty.** We are requesting that your comments be typed. Please return this form to the student to be included with their application. Thank you.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Signature (Typed name can be used in lieu of signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_