

BCHS Student Scholarships

The Purpose of the Scholarships

There are four Departmental scholarships available to BCHS students enrolled in a degree program. These are: the Carol L. McAllister, the Joseph and Brigida Ricci, the Karen S. Peterson and the Silverman scholarships. In addition, the Department also makes awards from the BCHS Research Support Fund. The general purpose of these awards is to provide some financial assistance to students in the completion of their academic programs. Funds may be used for research or practice activities or as otherwise directed by the specific award requirements. It is the policy of the Department to use these limited funds to benefit the largest number of students. As such, *students may apply for more than one of the scholarships, but preference will be given to students who have not received a previous award.*

Eligibility Criteria

All BCHS students are eligible to apply for the Ricci, McAllister and Peterson Scholarships. However, the Peterson Scholarship will give preference to MPH students. The Silverman Scholarship is only available to doctoral students. In addition to these scholarships, students may apply for BCHS Research Support funds to assist them with their MPH or doctoral dissertation research.

The specific eligibility criteria for the individual scholarships is as follows:

Carol L. McAllister Student Resource Fund: A BCHS student must demonstrate need, merit, a commitment to social justice and a dedication to improving the lives of women and children. Awards will be made to support work that is qualitative, ethnographic and community-based participatory in nature.

Karen S. Peterson Memorial Research Award for Women's Health: A BCHS student must have a demonstrated interest in research or practice leading to improvements in women's health. Preference will be given to MPH students.

Joseph and Brigida Ricci Award Fund: This annual award is for the purpose of assisting with the recruitment and retention of BCHS students.

Silverman Scholarship Fund: A BCHS doctoral student must be currently enrolled, have an undergraduate degree in anthropology or another social science discipline and have demonstrated financial need.

BCHS Research Support Fund: These funds are available for BCHS MPH and doctoral students to assist with the costs of conducting research toward the MPH, DrPH, or PhD degrees. MPH students must have formed their committees and obtained IRB approval in order to be eligible. Doctoral students must have passed their Overview and have IRB approval in order to be eligible.

Reporting Requirements: Please refer to the individual award pages for the specific reporting requirements.

Award Range: The amount of above awards may vary but will be within an annual range of \$500-\$1,000.

Notification/Payment Mechanism: Written award notification will be sent to the selected awardee. Payment will be processed via the awardees University tuition account.



Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences

Scholarship Application Form

MCALLISTER PETERSON RICCI SILVERMAN BCHS RESEARCH SUPPORT
(circle one)

Applicant Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Degree Program: _____

Other academic pursuits (certificates, concentrations, etc.): _____

Student status (check all that apply):

new continuing in state out of state/US foreign full-time part-time FTDR

Indicate any financial aid that you have (check all that apply):

staff tuition benefits GSR/GSA/TA other scholarship job no other aid loans other

Please attach a one-two page essay that describes the work this award will support and submit to Paul Markgraf electronically: pjm111@pitt.edu.

ATTENTION DEADLINES:

October 1st and February 1st for the McAllister, Peterson, Ricci and Silverman Scholarships

The BCHS Research Support Award has a **rolling deadline**.

Applications will be reviewed by the Doctoral & MPH Committees.

Final decisions will be made by the BCHS Chair in consultation with representatives from the various scholarship funds as appropriate.