

Graduate Impact Scholarship Application: Academic Year 2025-2026

Scholarship Overview:

The Graduate Impact Scholarship is designed to benefit highly motivated and engaged adult learners who value education as a way to improve lives and communities both locally and globally. The scholarship is available to admitted College of Professional Studies master's degree students to help offset some of the expenses of earning a graduate degree. Academic merit and financial need are elements considered in the selection process.

The College of Professional Studies encourages all admitted master's degree students to apply. Preference consideration will be given to students who demonstrate exemplary engagement and measurable impact in community service, leadership initiatives, or other contributions that address community needs. Selection will be based on the applicant's individual achievements, unique experiences, and demonstrated commitment to service, regardless of background.

Students applying for the scholarship must:

- Be admitted to a master's degree and/or be enrolled as an admitted master's degree-seeking College of Professional Studies student
- Complete the Graduate Impact Scholarship Application in its entirety
- Submit a 1-2- page personal statement
- Create an Federal Student Aid (FSA) at ID a U.S. Department of Education PIN at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form found at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The school code for DU is 001371
- International students are not eligible for the FAFSA and should submit a supplemental paragraph outlining their financial need

Personal Statement Requirement:

- Attach a 1-2- page personal statement (typed and double-spaced) written in your own words and unique voice, without the help of AI-based assistance, that addresses the following:
- Description of how your contributions have had a measurable impact in community service, leadership initiatives, or other contributions that address community needs
- Description of what makes you an outstanding candidate for scholarship consideration
- Any special circumstances that are not reflected in your FAFSA that you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider

Graduate Impact Scholarship Requirements

- Enroll in at least one 4-credit hour class the quarter the scholarship is awarded
- Earn a minimum grade of B in each course and maintain a University College GPA of 3.0

Submission Deadline:

Submit your completed application and personal statement electronically to the College of Professional Studies at pscsupport@du.edu with the subject line "Scholarship Application." Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on posted scholarship application deadline. Students will be notified by email approximately 2 weeks prior to the start of the quarter.

Name: Click here to enter text. **Student ID:** Click here to enter text.

Address: Click here to enter text.

Preferred phone: Click here to enter text. **E-mail:** Click here to enter text.

Employer: Click here to enter text.

Are you a: ☐ Continuing master's degree student – College of Professional Studies at DU
 ☐ Re-entry/returning master's degree student - College of Professional Studies at DU
 ☐ New master's degree student - College of Professional Studies at DU

Have you been awarded any financial aid or scholarship for the current academic year:

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the source? Click here to enter text.

If yes, what is the amount: Click here to enter text.

Are you eligible for employer reimbursement:

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the amount? Click here to enter text.

Are you employed or do you volunteer in the non-profit sector:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you an active or reserve member of the United States Armed Forces or National Guard:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a veteran of the United States Armed Forces:

☐ Yes ☐ No

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements I have made in this application are complete and true.

Signature: Click here to enter text.

Date: Click here to enter text.