



University of Colorado Denver - Downtown Denver Campus

## SPA Program on Domestic Violence Scholarship and Graduate Assistantship Application

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### Program on Domestic Violence Scholarship and Graduate Assistantship Descriptions

Scholarship dollars support tuition and related expenses and enable students to fully participate in Program on Domestic Violence (PDV) activities. The availability of financial support for students is an essential component of the PDV. Many domestic violence practitioners work long hours and for insufficiently funded organizations that seldom can contribute dollars toward staff development. Survivors of domestic violence are often single moms whose work and/or career plans have been disrupted by the violence in their lives. Compensation scales within the nonprofit community may be insufficient to adequately address the added burden of repayment of student loans. For these and other reasons, the PDV makes scholarships and graduate assistantships available to PDV students. If you are in need of financial support, the following options are available:

**Scholarships:** PDV scholarships are awarded to assist students enrolled in the PDV with tuition, books and other related expenses. The awards are made on the basis of financial need.

**Graduate Assistantships:** Assistantships are awarded to students in the PDV to assist with tuition, books and other related expenses and are awarded on the basis of financial need. Students who receive assistantships are expected to assist PDV staff with special projects which may include researching current issues and topics relevant to the PDV, drafting and compiling reports, data collection and analysis, gathering information from various sources or participating in other activities necessary to the efficient operation of the PDV.

- I am applying for a Program on Domestic Violence Scholarship
- I am applying for a Graduate Assistantship and am willing to commit 5-10 hours each week during the semester

### Program on Domestic Violence Scholarship and Graduate Assistantship Criteria

To qualify for this scholarship, you must:

1. Be enrolled in the Master of Public Administration, Master of Criminal Justice or Certificate Program on Domestic Violence
2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
3. Submit an essay of no more than 500 words demonstrating financial need and discussing your career goals and how this award will help you achieve those goals
4. Submit a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) which can be obtained by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Once you complete the FAFSA online, you can print your SAR. For more information see <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.



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