

J. Michael Silsby 1976 Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2002 by Michael's wife Sheila, to commemorate the commitment and dedication of J. Michael Silsby to the human services of Western Massachusetts and of the Commonwealth.

Requirements:

- Full-time student
- Sophomore or junior status
- Human services major with the goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree
- Demonstrated financial need
- Strong academic record with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or better
- Submission of the application and essay

Topic: Why I want a career in human services. (500-1,000) words

Thomas and Jean Price Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1986 by the late Dr. Thomas Price in his and his late wife's names to help further the education of students majoring in Sociology at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Price was a former Professor of Anthropology, was a member of the department of Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work and made a lifelong commitment to liberal arts education.

Requirements:

- Write an essay of 300-500 words which expresses your views on the value of a liberal arts education for your career goals.
- Indicate your grade point average and extracurricular involvement on a cover sheet attached to the essay
- Submit electronically to current department chair.

Mary K. Grant Scholarship Award

Established by former MCLA President Mary Grant, '83 it goes to one recent Sociology graduate working in the field of social services/social change.

This grant is a one-time award paid directly to a recent MCLA graduate (May, August, or December) with a major in Sociology. At the time of submission, the applicants must work full time in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood, preferably in Boston

(South Boston, East Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, or Roxbury) or alternatively in Berkshire County. Employment must be within the fields of human services, social work, or community change. Funds may be used for any purpose (including but not limited to rent, vacation, repayment of student loans, etc.) that the awardee feels will alleviate stress and help maintain optimism by making it more financially viable to continue working in one of these fields despite the low salaries typically paid. Those attending graduate school on either a full or part time basis are not eligible for this award unless they are also working full time in one of the designated fields. [Click here for the application.](#)

Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work Department Award

The Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work Department Faculty give this award every spring to support excellence in scholarship and contributions to the department. Selection criteria includes a senior sociology major who has demonstrated excellence in scholarship while making significant contributions to the department.