LESLEY UNIVERSITY

# Graduate School of Arts & Social Sciences (GSASS)
# 2013-14 Dean's Merit Scholarship
## for Counseling & Psychology Master's Degree Candidates

## What is the GSASS Dean's Merit Scholarship?

The Graduate School of Arts & Social Sciences Dean's Merit Scholarship award is a one-time scholarship for newly-enrolling students in the Master's program demonstrating exceptional merit.
Recipients of the Merit Scholarship should have a strong academic background, demonstrated leadership skills, and a commitment to the field of education, the arts, social services, the environment or counseling.

## Scholarship Statement

The Graduate School of Arts & Social Sciences is dedicated to the fundamental principle that the role of higher education is to develop and nurture a creative, civil, and life-sustaining society. In support of this mission, our programs seek to recruit, encourage, and support students who enrich our learning communities with their community or volunteer experiences; professional experiences; life experiences; strong academic achievement; leadership qualities; artistic abilities; and potential to be student ambassadors and later alumni ambassadors.

The Dean's Merit Scholarship Committee encourages the application of candidates who embody any number of the qualities mentioned above. The Committee and the Graduate School of Arts & Social Sciences encourage the application of all candidates without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability or veteran status in the administration of its education policies and scholarship.

## Scholarship Criteria:

An applicant to the Merit Scholarship should have a strong academic background, demonstrated leadership skills, and a commitment to the field of education, the arts, social services, the environment or counseling.

- Student must **be accepted to an on-campus GSASS Counseling & Psychology Master's program for fall 2013.**
- Student must have a minimum GPA of a 3.0 in a previous degree program.
- Student must maintain full-time status (9 credits or more) to receive scholarship funds.
- Student must maintain an A- (3.7) average in Lesley coursework.
- Student must submit a complete scholarship application by May 15, 2013

## Application Requirements:

- Student must have a complete admissions application on file or be accepted to an eligible Master's program for fall 2013.
- Student must submit the scholarship application, resume, and a scholarship essay to the GSASS Dean's Office by May 15, 2013 to:

## Application Submissions:

The application may be submitted by mail or fax.

**Mail to**: GSASS Dean's Office
Attn: Bailey Ray
Lesley University
29 Everett Street
Cambridge, MA 02138-2790

**Fax:** 617.349.8366

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**Scholarship Application**

Full Name: _____
*Last* *First* *M.I.*

Address: _____
*Street Address* *Apt. #/Unit #*

_____
*City* *State* *Zip*

Phone: _____ ❑ Cell ❑ Home ❑ Work

Email: _____

Social Security Number: **X X X – X X –** ___ ___ ___ ___ *or* Lesley ID#: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Program: **COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGY**

The Committee would like to consider all application materials submitted to Lesley University. Have you filled out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? ❑ Yes ❑ No

### Resume

Please include a current resume with your application.

### Essay Guidelines

Please write a 2–3 page essay addressing the questions below. The essay should be typed, double-spaced in a 12-point font.

1) To what program have you applied? Why have you chosen this program to support your academic and/or professional goals?

2) Describe how you plan to impact your profession both as a student and a graduate of your program.

3) How will the Merit Scholarship support your work?

4) Please add any additional information you would like the Committee to consider.

**Deadline: May 15, 2013**

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Criteria met: ❑ Yes ❑ No Received by deadline: ❑ Yes ❑ No Scholarship awarded: ❑ Yes ❑ No

Notes:

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