



Announcing for Academic Year 2019-20: MSW **ADVOCACY SCHOLARS** PROGRAM

Do you want to...

- Learn how **government works** and how **you can affect it?**
- Work in communities to help **solve social problems?**
- Advocate for **rights, fair laws, and more just social policies?**
- Contribute to **local and international efforts** to help our poorest citizens?
 - Learn how to be an **effective advocate** for social change?

...then the **MSU School of Social Work MSW ADVOCACY SCHOLARS Program is for you!**

Apply now for this exciting program, which will accept scholars to begin study in August 2019.

ADVOCACY SCHOLARS will:

- Receive a \$5,000 scholarship, which is renewable for a second year of study.
- Complete a field placement in an agency with an advocacy focus.
- Interact with social program and governmental officials.
- Participate in a seminar series led by policy advocacy leaders from diverse backgrounds.
- Receive individualized mentoring on education and career development from community leaders or faculty with related experience.
- Take advanced coursework in social activism and policy advocacy skills.
- Participate in Campaign School, a two-day bootcamp that teaches social workers how to run for political office.

This program is designed to provide **cutting-edge training for the next generation of change agents dedicated to helping society solve difficult social problems.**

MSU School of Social Work faculty members possess a wealth of expertise in policy advocacy. With our close access to the State Capitol, ongoing relationships with over 500 social service agencies (both government and nonprofit advocacy organizations), leadership in new technology, and small class sizes, **the School of Social Work is uniquely positioned to prepare you for effective advocacy practice.**

To learn more, contact **Dr. Sacha Klein** [734-985-0548 or kleinsa@msu.edu] or see the application instructions on the back of this page.



ADVOCACY SCHOLARS Program Application Instructions

The **ADVOCACY SCHOLARS** Program is open to any MSU MSW student who can fulfill the program requirements. Both students applying to enter the MSU MSW Program in Academic Year 2019-20 and current MSU MSW students who will be continuing their MSW education at MSU during Academic Year 2019-20 will be considered.

To apply to the **ADVOCACY SCHOLARS** Program...

- ▶ **MSU MSW Program applicants** must email an Advocacy Scholars Program statement of interest (described below) in a Word or PDF file to swgradoffice@ssc.msu.edu no later than January 10, 2019 (the same day that their MSW Program application is due); please write “Advocacy Scholars Application” in the email subject line.
- ▶ **Current MSU MSW students** must email the following materials to Dr. Sacha Klein at kleinsa@msu.edu no later than January 10, 2019; please write “Advocacy Scholars Application” in the email subject line.
 - An Advocacy Scholars Program statement of interest (described below)
 - A letter of recommendation from an MSU Social Work faculty member
 - An unofficial copy of the student’s MSU transcript that includes fall 2018 grades

The Advocacy Scholars Program **statement of interest** should be no more than 1,000 words that explains why you are interested in the **ADVOCACY SCHOLARS** Program and why you think you are a strong candidate. Include a description of policy advocacy and systems change skills you hope to acquire, career goals, social issues of greatest interest to you, and how the **ADVOCACY SCHOLARS** Program would contribute to these interests and goals. Also include any work, volunteer, or classroom experiences you have had that are specifically related to policy advocacy.