SCHOLARSHIPS

All applicants must include a completed application with their scholarship materials— incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Please fill out the application, and list all scholarships for which you are applying. Transcripts do not need to be official (from registrar’s office)—they can be taken from your Campus Information System log in (one copy of transcripts will suffice for all scholarships, but please include all other requested materials for each scholarship). All scholarship materials are due in ELECTRONIC form by March, 22, 11:59 p.m. (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) to the MPA Office—Please indicate which scholarship/s you are applying for in the subject line. Scholarship recipients will be notified late March and invited to the Pi Alpha Alpha banquet on April 12 where they will be recognized.

MPA Graduate Assistantship
The MPA program will hire graduate assistants for the 2013-14 year. Applications and job descriptions will be posted in late February/early March on the MPA website. Each GA’ship will include a $13,000 stipend spread out over the nine months of fall and spring semester. It will also include a full-tuition waiver for students registered for 9-12 credit hours. The GA will work a total of 20 hours/week between the MPA office and with other entities completing research, analysis, event and community planning projects, and other miscellaneous assignments.

Thomas H. and Chiyo H. Morita Scholarship
This award is for currently enrolled MPA Students only.
This Scholarship is named in honor of the donor’s parents, who were forcibly removed from their homes and relocated to concentration camps in Delta, Utah and Minidoka, Idaho. The internment precluded them from obtaining a college education. This injustice did not make them bitter, but inspired them to educate their child that justice and freedom are protected by the Constitution. In appreciation for the extraordinary commitment and efforts of her parents, Renee Morita has endowed this scholarship in their name and memory.

The Morita scholarship award for the 2013-14 academic year is $3,250, which also allows the recipient eligibility for a 50% tuition waiver if taking 9-12 credits. “Demonstrated academic excellence” is the primary criterion for selecting a recipient. Asian-American or other underrepresented ethnic student applicants may be given preference in the selection process. The funds will be awarded in December 2013, conditional upon successful completion of Fall Semester 2013 coursework. Applicants should submit a letter stating why they believe they are eligible for the scholarship, focusing on academic and career success, as well as financial need. Along with the letter, applicants should submit a resume and graduate transcripts. At least one letter of reference must be submitted, but up to three are welcome. Finalists will be interviewed by the donor.
Daniel R. Reisner Master in Public Administration Scholarship

This award is for currently enrolled MPA Students only.

This scholarship is in honor of MPA alumnus Dan Reisner, who passed away in 2011. Dan's friends and family developed this scholarship to provide financial assistance to working professional's pursuing an MPA. Preference will be given to students working in local, state or federal government with financial need. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to scholarship. Applicants should submit a resume, letter explaining their service in government and financial need, and one letter of recommendation from their employer. Two scholarships of $1,500 will be awarded to current MPA students. This scholarship is awarded during the summer semester, therefore; students should be at least completing courses through summer.

Homer Durham Scholarship

This award is for currently enrolled MPA Students only.

G. Homer Durham was a distinguished teacher, scholar, and administrator in higher education. He was an administrative pioneer to an extraordinary extent. Among other things, he was first Chair of the Political Science Department and first Academic Vice President at The University of Utah; President of Arizona State University, soon after its transition from a college to a university; and first commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Utah. He also served a term as President of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA).

The Durham Scholarship total is $1,750, and is available to all students currently enrolled in the MPA program and enrolled in at least 12 units over the full academic year they receive the scholarship for. The selection process will be based on academic achievement, capability and professional potential. Students should submit a letter of intent which summarizes their academic and professional qualifications for the scholarship, graduate transcripts and three letters of reference (at least one from a graduate instructor).

Utah City Managers Association Scholarship – DUE March 13

This award is for currently enrolled MPA Students only.

The Utah City Management Association awards two scholarships to U of U MPA students and two more to BYU students. The winners of the UCMA Scholarship are required to attend the UCMA annual conference in April (April 8-10 this year), and participate in the conference meetings and activities. A stipend for travel expenses will be provided. The scholarship winners will receive $1,500 each, and are recognized at the UCMA Conference and again at the spring Pi Alpha Alpha Banquet. Conditions for the scholarship are as follows:

Applicants must write a letter to the MPA Scholarship Committee expressing their interest in the scholarship, and describing their interest in city management. Evidence of such commitment may include any prior or current work experience, extra-curricular/association activities related to local government, and academic study of local government processes and issues. Students should also submit a letter of recommendation from an instructor of a course related to local government or from a current employer/associate related to local government. Students must have completed or are currently completing (done by the end of Spring semester 2012) a minimum of 9 semester hours of MPA coursework, and be attending courses through the Summer 2013 semester to be eligible for the scholarship. Each applicant's graduate academic record will also be used as a factor in the Scholarship Committee's determination of a suitable candidate.

Dalmas Nelson Best Paper Award

The Dalmas Nelson Paper Award is available to current students or recent graduates of the MPA and MPP programs at The University of Utah. This award recognizes the importance of clear written communication by public servants. The major criteria for judging submissions are: the clarity of expression, relevance to public administration/policy, innovativeness, originality, and academic quality. The papers may be term papers, research projects, memoranda, or policy papers. Please make sure the paper is polished. The award includes a small grant of money, invitation to the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society Induction Banquet, and the inclusion of the winner's name on a memorial plaque displayed in the Master of Public Administration office. Each student may submit one paper for consideration (a group paper may be submitted, but this counts as each individual student’s submission). The deadline for submission is Friday, March 1 by 5:30 p.m. to Linda Lecheminant (linda.lecheminant@cppa.utah.edu). The submission must be electronic—PLEASE REMOVE YOUR NAME FROM THE PAPER AS THIS IS A BLIND REVIEW, BUT PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN THE E-MAIL.
The MPA/Utah Nonprofits Association Nonprofit Scholarship
This $1,000 scholarship is in recognition of the large number of nonprofit students enrolled in the MPA Program, and of the growing significance of our nonprofit curriculum. Applicants must provide a letter explaining their interest and experience (if any) in nonprofit administration, along with their need for the scholarship. Applicants should also include a resume. The scholarship will be awarded based on evidence of professional achievement in the field and graduate academic performance. A letter of academic or professional recommendation is encouraged. This scholarship is awarded during the summer semester, therefore; students should be at least completing courses through summer.

The J. Steven Ott Nonprofit Scholarship
The scholarship is given in honor of former Dean, and current professor J. Steven Ott for his scholarly contributions and leadership in the nonprofit field. The scholarship is in recognition of the large number of nonprofit students enrolled in the MPA Program, and of the growing significance of nonprofits in public affairs generally. This year, the scholarship will be awarded to two students in the amount of $1,750 each. Applicants must provide a letter explaining their interest and experience (if any) in nonprofit administration, along with a resume. Please also include a letter of recommend from a professional (preferred) or academic reference. The scholarship will be awarded based on the quality of the letter and explanation of career goals, along with graduate academic performance. This scholarship is awarded during the summer semester, therefore; students should be at least completing courses through summer.

The MPA Program Scholarship
This award is for currently enrolled MPA Students only.
This scholarship recognizes students who have made significant contributions to the program in terms of academic achievement, classroom participation and citizenship in terms of out of class involvement with the MPA program (e.g., MPPASA participation, ASPA attendance, etc.) This year, the scholarship will be awarded to one student in the amount of $1,750. Applicants must submit a letter providing evidence of their academic merit and their participation in MPA program activities, a resume, and a letter from a graduate instructor or staff discussing classroom contribution. This scholarship is awarded during the summer semester, therefore; students should be at least completing courses through summer.

The Garth Jones MPA Joint Programs Scholarship
This award is for currently enrolled MPA Students only.
This scholarship is given in honor of Garth Jones, a graduate of the University of Utah and Professor Emeritus of the University of Alaska. Dr. Jones has been a long-time supporter of the U of U MPA Program. Dr. Jones helped raise significant funding for the G. Homer Durham scholarship and other scholarships. This scholarship is awarded to students who have enrolled in one of our many joint degree programs (JD, MSW, MHA, ELP, MPH). The scholarship is based on a combination of academic merit, need, and professional potential. This year, the scholarship will be awarded to one student in the amount of $1,750. Applicants must submit a letter providing evidence of their academic merit, financial need, and professional goals, along with a resume, and a letter of recommend from a graduate instructor. This scholarship is awarded during the summer semester, therefore; students should be at least completing courses through summer.

The MPA Civic Engagement Scholarship
The MPA Program has a long history of graduates who have been involved with, and remain involved with civic engagement and community partnerships. This scholarship recognizes a student who meets this spirit of dedication to community, an organization and/or a cause. Students should submit a resume and letter that demonstrates and explains the depth, length and interest of their engagement and/or outreach activities that qualify them for this unique scholarship. A letter of recommend from someone with the organization or cause the student is involved with is required. One $1,750 scholarship will be awarded. This scholarship is awarded during the summer semester, therefore; students should be at least completing courses through summer.

The MPA Scholarship
This scholarship will be awarded in the amount of $1,750. The following will be considered in the selection decision:
past and current academic performance, financial need, community and civic involvement and future career plans that include enhancing diversity and community/civic engagement. Preference in awarding this scholarship is given to students from underrepresented communities and populations. Applicants are required to complete an essay of no more than two double-spaced pages highlighting the criteria above, as well as a resume, and letter of recommend from a professional or academic reference. This scholarship is awarded during the summer semester, therefore; students should be at least completing courses through summer.

IPIA Scholarships
These scholarships come from the Institute of Public and International Affairs. The first will be awarded in the amount of $1,500 in support of an Evening MPA student who will register for and fulfill the requirements of the community development course in Costa Rica in Spring 2014. The following will be considered in the selection decision: interest in international community and economic development, and past experience with international work and research. Applicants should submit the following materials: an essay outlining the criteria above, a resume and a letter of recommendation from an employer or instructor. Students must have completed at least one semester before these funds will be distributed, but incoming students are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to students whose Major Research Paper topic has an international focus.

The second will be awarded in the amount of $1,500 to support an MPA student working in or conducting research around international organizations. Applicants should submit the following materials: an essay outlining the criteria above, a resume and a letter of recommendation from an employer or instructor. This scholarship is awarded during the summer semester, therefore; students should be at least completing courses through summer.