

Applying Graduate Programs

1. Online Program Search

- Go to a school's website:
- Usually Click on "Academics" or "Admission"
- Usually click on "Graduate Studies" or "Graduate Programs" Or "Degrees and Programs"

2. **When**→For fall semester, usually deadline: January to March (anywhere between December to June)

3. **How many** → 5 to 10 schools/programs (conservative); can be more

4. **How much?** Anywhere from 20 to 55 dollar per application

5. Components of Application

- Application form (online/paper)
- Personal statement
- School Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation (online/forms)
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- GRE (depends)
- Interview (depends)
- Resume or CV (depends)
- Writing sample (depends)

6. Personal essays:

A useful reminder from Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbe3dssu_tY

- State motivation, goals.
- Be specific about your experiences—how these experiences contribute to your growth, and prepare you for the program.
- Tell how your unique quality, skills, got developed; and explain why you are ready for this program.
- Focus on your strength, skills, accomplishment; show how you overcome challenges, but don't complain.
- Explain why that particular program interests you, and why you think you fit to their program.
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- NOT TOO long –usually 2 pages (but find out the particular requirements of the program)
- "I hope to help people"—this is definitely too vague
- If you think that everyone is saying this, then you can probably skip that.
- Let others (teachers or friends) read your essay. And do check spelling and grammar.

7. Resume (or CV, curricula vitae)

- No longer than 2 pages
 - Career objectives
 - Education
 - Honors or awards
 - Research experience
 - Relevant work experiences
 - Relevant volunteer/internship experiences
 - Other academic achievements (e.g. paper published; presented at conferences)
 - Other relevant a achievements

8. MA Programs—in southern California CSU SYSTEM

- Counseling, M.S.
- MS, Educational Counseling ** BAKERSFIELD
- MS, Counseling Psychology** BAKERSFIELD
- Counseling and Guidance, M.S.** SAN BERNARDINO
- Rehabilitation Counseling, M.A. ** SAN BERNARDINO
- Marital and Family Therapy MS ** DOMINGUEZ HILLS

- Social Work (most CSU campuses have MSW)
 - Aging Concentration, M.S.W. **FULLERTON
 - Child Welfare Concentration, M.S.W. **FULLERTON
 - Community Mental Health Concentration, M.S.W. **FULLERTON
- Child Development MA ** LOS ANGELES** SAN BERNARDINO

- Sociology, M.A.
- Social Science, MA ** SAN BERNARDINO
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- Criminology and Criminal Justice (MS)

- Gerontology, M.S.

- Psychology, M.A.
- Psychology, Clinical, M.S.
- General Experimental Psychology, M.A.** SAN BERNARDINO

- American Studies, M.A.
- Anthropology, M.A.

- Business Administration
 - Decision Sciences Concentration, M.B.A. **FULLERTON
 - Entrepreneurship Concentration, M.B.A. **FULLERTON
 - Finance Concentration, M.B.A. **FULLERTON
 - Information Systems Concentration, M.B.A. **FULLERTON
 - International Business Concentration, M.B.A. **FULLERTON
 - Management Concentration, M.B.A. **FULLERTON
 - Marketing Concentration, M.B.A. **FULLERTON
 - Organizational Leadership Concentration, M.B.A. **FULLERTON
 - Risk Management and Insurance Concentration, M.B.A. **FULLERTON
- Public Administration
 - Concentrations: Criminal Justice Administration/Nonprofit Management/Public Management ** DOMINGUEZ HILLS
 - Criminal Justice Concentration, M.P.A.
 - Human Resources Concentration, M.P.A.
 - Public Finance Management Concentration, M.P.A.
 - Urban Management Concentration, M.P.A. **FULLERTON

- Public Health, M.P.H.
- Health Services Administration, M.S. ** SAN BERNARDINO
- Health Care Administration (MS) ** LONGBEACH; ** BAKERSFIELD

- Communication Studies, M.A.
 - Mass Communications Research and Theory Concentration, M.A.
 - Professional Communications Concentration, M.A. **FULLERTON
 - Tourism and Entertainment Concentration, M.A. **FULLERTON
- Communicative Disorders, M.A.
- Education,
 - Bilingual/Bicultural Education Concentration, M.S.
 - Educational Administration Concentration, M.S.
 - Educational Technology Concentration, M.S. **FULLERTON
 - Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Concentration, Diversity Emphasis, M.S. **FULLERTON
 - Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Concentration, Early Childhood Education Emphasis, M.S. **FULLERTON
 - Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Concentration, M.S. **FULLERTON
 - Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Concentration, Professional Inquiry and Practice Emphasis, M.S. **FULLERTON
 - Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Concentration, Staff Development Emphasis, M.S. **FULLERTON
 - Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Concentration, Technology in Education Emphasis, M.S. **FULLERTON
 - Higher Education Concentration, M.S.
 - Literacy and Reading Concentration, M.S.
 - Secondary Education Concentration, M.S.
 - Secondary Education Concentration, Teacher Induction Emphasis, M.S.
 - Special Education Concentration, M.S.
 - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, M.S.
 - Educational Specialist Degree in School Psychology (EdS) ** LONGBEACH
- History, M.A.
- Chicano Study MA
- Linguistics, MA
- Political Science, M.A.
- Spanish, M.A.
- M.A. in Negotiation, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding** DOMINGUEZ HILLS
- National Security Studies, M.A. ** SAN BERNARDINO
- Kinesiology (MA, MS) Option in Sport and Exercise Psychology** LONGBEACH
- Kinesiology (MA, MS) Option in Option in Sport Management** LONGBEACH

9. Look up Programs in Particular Schools

CSU Northridge

<http://www.csun.edu/catalog/graduate-studies/masters/>

CSU Los Angeles

<http://ecatalog.calstatela.edu/content.php?catoid=19&navoid=1757>

CSU San Bernardino

<http://bulletin.csusb.edu/graduate-degree-programs/>

CSU Bakersfield

<http://www.csub.edu/academicprograms/Graduate%20Studies/Graduate%20Degree%20Programs/index.html>

CSU Dominguez Hills

<http://www4.csudh.edu/Assets/CSUDH-Sites/Graduate-Studies/docs/Graduate%20Programs%20Information%20Sheet%202015-16.pdf>

CSU Fullerton

<http://www.fullerton.edu/graduate/prospectivestudents/programs.asp>

CSU San Marcos

<http://www.csusm.edu/gsr/graduatestudies/contacts.html>

San Diego State University

<http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions/grad/index.html#degree>

UC system

UC Riverside

<http://www.ucr.edu/academics/gradprograms.html>

UC Irvine

<http://www.grad.uci.edu/academics/degree-programs/index.html>

UC Santa Barbara

<https://my.sa.ucsb.edu/catalog/Current/GraduateEducation/GraduateDegrees.aspx>

UC San Diego

<https://apply.grad.ucsd.edu/masters-programs>

UCLA

<https://grad.ucla.edu/>

Private

University of Southern California (USC)

<http://www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/programs/index.html>

University of Redlands

<http://www.redlands.edu/academics/index.aspx#.VulabUYsB1E>

Loma Linda University

<http://home.llu.edu/academics/schools-and-programs>

Claremont Graduate University

<http://www.cgu.edu/pages/103.asp>

The whole list of all universities in southern California

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_colleges_and_universities_in_Southern_California

Scholarships (primarily for social work)

These are just examples. For other fields of study, do searches online. Use search terms: scholarship master's graduate program.

These are the two sites that are useful:

<http://www.bestmswprograms.com/top-25-scholarships-for-social-work-students/>

<http://socialworklicensemap.com/become-a-social-worker/social-work-scholarships/>

1. Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to social work majors earning master's degrees who have demonstrated a special commitment to working with American Indian, Inuit or Hispanic communities. Scholarships vary depending on funding, but have been known to reach \$4,000 each, with 10 or so students becoming recipients every year. Students must be NASW members and have already applied for a master's program (MSW). A personal essay and professional / academic references are required.

2. National Association of Puerto Rican Hispanic Social Workers (NAPRHSW)

First and second-year graduate students of Hispanic descent who are currently enrolled in a social work program may apply for this scholarship, which provides awards based on financial need and academic accomplishment. Students are required to submit an application demonstrating their commitment to issues that affect the Puerto Rican / Latino community as well as supplemental information about their background, goals and achievements.

3. Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship

Administered by the National Association of Social Workers, this scholarship is available to students pursuing a master's degree in social work who have demonstrated a commitment to addressing healthcare and mental health issues within the African American community. Two scholarships are awarded annually in varying amounts, depending on the available NASW funds. Students must be NASW members, maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA and must compose a personal biographical essay for consideration.

4. The Cenie Jomo Williams Award

One of several yearly scholarships offered by the National Association of Black Social Workers, the Cenie "Jomo" Williams award is available to African American students who support social, political and economic endeavors that will help better the lives of those in the African American community. Two awards of \$2,000 each are given out annually to students who can demonstrate

their commitment to continuing the Cenie Williams legacy. Applicants should submit college transcripts as well as letters of recommendation and achievement

5. Emma & Myeloid Algood Undergraduate Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is offered in honor of its namesakes' tireless dedication to the poor in their community, despite their lack of proper education or training. The scholarship is awarded through the National Association of Black Social Workers to an African American student who has shown similar dedication to improving the standard of living in the black community. A two to three page purpose letter must be submitted to the NABSW, as well as letters of recommendation or achievement.

6. Dr. Joyce Beckett Graduate Student Tuition Scholarship

Designed to assist African American graduate students who plan to provide much needed social services to their local black community, this \$1,000 scholarship is awarded through the National Association of Black Social Workers in honor of Dr. Joyce Beckett. Applicants are required to submit a two-to-three-page letter of purpose as well as several letters of recommendation. Transcripts and other evidence of personal achievement are welcome.

7. Sarah Haley Memorial Fund

Offered to students pursuing a Masters or PhD in Social Work, the Sarah Haley Memorial Fund is provided by The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. The grant is only available to applicants who can demonstrate a dedication to working with post-traumatic stress disorder from childhood sexual abuse, family violence and / or violence against women. Awards range up to \$5,000, and application guidelines change annually.

8. The Hooyman Intergenerational Fellowship

This scholarship provides assistance to students pursuing fields where they will be working with older adults and their families in a multi-generational context. Depending on the number of qualified applicants, awards can range anywhere from \$1,000 to \$5,000. In order to qualify, students must agree to complete the Multigenerational Concentration program, where they will be required to work specifically with older adults in their final years of study. Personal statements, references and a resume are required at the time of application.

9. Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship

Provided by the American Legacy Foundation, the Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship for Outreach and Health Communications awards \$5,000 each to two students who can properly demonstrate their service to an economically or socially disadvantaged community. A focus on reducing alcohol, tobacco and drug use is preferred, and students must have maintained a 3.0 GPA for their most recent course year. An essay describing the students achievements is required at the time of application, as is proof of academic good standing.