FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION
2003-2004

Please indicate program:

☐ Reduced Residency  ☐ Extended Program  ☐ Advanced Standing  ☐ MS Incoming  ☐ MS Continuing  ☐ Dual Degree
Financial Aid Information for Columbia University School of Social Work

M.S. Candidates
2003-2004 Academic Year

Enclosed please find 2003-2004 financial aid application materials for the Columbia University School of Social Work (CUSSW). Students interested in applying for Federal Aid, i.e., Federal Stafford Loans, Federal Perkins Loans, and Federal Work Study, must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In addition, all incoming and continuing M.S. candidates who wish to apply for need based institutional grants must also complete a Need Access application. The deadline for submitting all financial aid forms to the appropriate processing centers is March 1, 2003. Awards are not automatically renewed, therefore all continuing financial aid recipients must reapply for financial aid each academic year. In order to qualify for financial aid, you must be matriculated and registered for at least six credits per semester.

Dual degree students should apply for financial aid from the School where they register. Please consult the respective school financial aid offices for more detailed information on eligibility and filing requirements.

Financial aid applicants must submit:

4. Need Access Application (Full time M.S. Candidates Only) – optional, see below.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

The FAFSA form or Renewal FAFSA must be completed if you are applying for any Federal assistance and submitted directly online. Please do not include parental information on the FAFSA. For a paper version of the FAFSA, applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, room 309.

It is important to note that the School Code for Columbia University School of Social Work is E00129.

Once the FAFSA is processed, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail or via email if completed online. If the information on the SAR is accurate, please retain the SAR for your records. If it is inaccurate please make the necessary changes online using your PIN #. The school will receive an electronic copy of your SAR.

NEED ACCESS (M.S. Candidates Only)

The School uses the Need Access service (Need Access application) to determine eligibility for need based institutional scholarships. Therefore, in addition to completing a FAFSA, incoming and continuing full time students must also complete the Need Access application online at www.NeedAccess.Org. Note: Instructions are enclosed.

Reminder: If the above information is not provided, you will only be considered for Federal Loans and Work Study, but not for need based scholarships.

NY State TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)
(NYS Residents only)

For the 2003-04 academic year, pre-printed TAP applications will be automatically sent to students who indicate on the FAFSA form that they are New York State residents and will be attending or applying to a college/university located in New York. Therefore, we strongly recommend that students submit the FAFSA form as early as possible. Completed TAP applications should be sent directly to NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) at 800 642-6234.

For further assistance, please call 212 854-2867, or visit the Financial Aid Office at CUSSW, 309 McVickar Hall, 622 West 113th Street, New York, New York 10025. View our website at www.columbia.edu/cu/ssw/finaid.

Please retain for your records.
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION 
2003-2004

Please print clearly.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:___________________________________________________ SSN:______________________________

Last Name First       Middle Initial

Previous Surname:_________________________________ Title (Circle one) Ms Mr Mrs Miss Other_______

Permanent Address:

Number Street Apt Number

City State Country ZIP Code

Email Address

(______)__________________ (______)__________________ ____________________

Phone Number Work Number Until date

Local Address:

Number Street Apt Number

City State Country ZIP Code

Email address

(______)__________________ (______)__________________ ____________________

Phone Number Work Number Until date

Date of Birth:___/___/___        Sex (Circle one): Male / Female           Country of Citizenship: _______       Visa Type: ______

Marital Status (Circle One):    Single      Married      Separated      Divorced    Expect to Marry during Academic Year

Names and Ages of Dependent Children:____________________________________________________________________

Ethnic Origin:     (B) Black       (M) Mexican American      (SA) South Asian

(OPTIONAL)       (H) Latino/a       (I) American Indian       (A) Asian, Pacific

(PRI) Puerto Rican (T) Italian American       Islander

Islander       (W) White      (SE) South East Asian

(PRM) Puerto Rican Mainlander       (X) Other____________________

Religion:      (BU) Buddhist          (CO) Confucian     (EO) Eastern Orthodox    (HI) Hindu

(OPTIONAL)      (JE) Jewish      (LS) Latter Day Saints (MO) Muslim       (PT) Protestant

(RC) Roman Catholic   (TA) Taoist       (UN) Unitarian                 (OT) Other______

Will you qualify for federal or state aid to support a disability?       _____Yes       ____No       ____ undetermined

If yes, what is the approximate amount of your benefit?  $____________________/academic year      ___ undetermined

Will you qualify for veteran’s benefits as a student at Columbia?    _____Yes       _____No       ____ undetermined

If yes, what is the monthly value of your benefit?    $_____________________/month     ____ undetermined


FINANCIAL INFORMATION

I am applying for the following kinds of aid: (Please check all that apply.)

INSTITUTIONAL:
**Need-Based Grant ____ *Federal Work Study ____
Merit Scholarship ____ *Federal Loans ____

FEDERAL:
(** FAFSA & Need Access) (*FAFSA ONLY REQUIRED)

Please attach a signed copy of your 2002 federal tax forms and schedules.

Date FAFSA submitted? ____/____/____

Did you submit a Need Access ____ ? Date submitted ____/____/____

Have you ever enrolled in the School of Social Work before? _________ YES ________ NO
If YES, what was the most recent semester of enrollment?________________________________

This will be my _?_ semester of study at Columbia:

1st          2nd          3rd          4th          5th          6th          7th          Other:______

Are you applying for ____  YES ____ NO, or presently enrolled ____ YES ____ NO in a dual degree program of study at Columbia? (check one) If YES, which program?________________________________________

As a dual degree candidate, which semesters will you register through CUSSW? _____ Fall 2003 _____ Spring 2004

For which semesters will you be registered through the School of Social Work? NOTE: 6-9 credits denotes half-time status for the M.S. program and eligibility for loans only.

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Expected Columbia Graduation Date: _____________

Where do you expect to live during the academic year (Circle one):  Apartment Parents’ Home Columbia Housing
Other: ___________________________________________

Please indicate the amount you expect that your parents will contribute toward this year of study: $ ____________

List all sources of payment that you will receive from organizations other than Columbia during the coming academic year: (Include paid employment, government funding, outside scholarships, employer paid tuition benefits, prizes, etc.)

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Are you eligible to receive tuition exemption (i.e., partial or paid tuition) for your studies at Columbia University?
   Yes _____ No
If YES, what is the approximate amount you are eligible to receive?___________________
What is the source of the tuition exemption fund? _________________________________

NOTE: Should you later receive other resources/changes in the financial information indicated above, you are required to notify the Financial Aid Office at CUSSW immediately.

Student's (and Spouse's) Indebtedness:

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<th>Total Principal Amount Owed as of 6/03</th>
<th>Amount to be Repaid in 03-04 Academic Year</th>
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<td>* Student's other educational loans - Private/Personal</td>
<td>$________________________</td>
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Spouse's (or prospective spouse's) total educational loans
$_________________________ $_________________________  

* Do not include Federal Loans – Information will be obtained from FAFSA data.

Are you in default on any federal loans? _____Yes _____No
(If yes, please attach a letter of explanation.)

For MARRIED students, or students who EXPECT TO MARRY during the coming year:

During the academic year, will your spouse or future spouse be (Mark all that apply):
( )Employed  ( )Student  ( )Other, please specify:___________________________________________

If your spouse or spouse-to-be will be a student, please complete the following:

School:_________________________________________  Degree Program:____________________________________

Expected Tuition:_______________________________  Expected Financial Aid:_____________________________

Expected Date of Completion:_____________________

If your spouse or spouse-to-be will be employed, please indicate:

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For New York State Residents:

I have been a resident of New York State since: ____________________________ Date

My New York State Taxable Income for the year 2002, as it appears on my New York State tax form is: $______________

_______ I did not file a New York State Income Tax Form.

_______ I have not filed a New York State Income Tax Form, but will provide the requested information when filing is complete.

NOTE: As a New York State resident for at least 12 months prior to the term for which you are seeking aid, you are eligible and expected to apply for a scholarship from New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). When completing the FAFSA application be sure to indicate that you want information released to state agencies. Your FAFSA data will be used by HESC to preprint an application that will be mailed to you.

For All Students:

Has there been any significant change in your financial situation or that of your family in the last year, e.g., a promotion, retirement, illness, loss of work, change in your marital status, birth of a child, spouse changing work or student status? If yes, please use the space below, or attach a separate page, to explain any circumstances that may be needed in evaluating your financial aid.
CERTIFICATIONS

STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE/SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION STATUS

I certify that, at the present time, I do not owe a refund or repayment of federal student financial aid to any educational institution that I have attended, and that I am not in default on any federal student loan that I have received for my education at any educational institution that I have attended.

I certify that I will use any money that I receive under the Title IV student financial aid programs only for expenses related to my attendance at the School of Social Work.

I certify that I am not required to be registered with the Selective Service because:

__________ I am a female.

__________ I am in the armed service on active duty. (Note: does not apply to Reserve/National Guard members who are not considered on active duty.)

__________ I have not reached my 18th birthday.

__________ I was born before 1960.

__________ I am a permanent member of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands or the Northern Mariana Islands.

__________ I am already registered with the Selective Service.

I certify that the foregoing information is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that it is provided in order to support a request for grant and/or loan funds. I further certify that I shall promptly amend the foregoing application if a change of more than $200 occurs in my estimates of either obligations or resources for the coming year.

__________________________________________________________
Signature

__________________________________________________________
Date
2003-2004 Need Access Analysis Service Instructions

The Need Access service is designed specifically for graduate and professional students. The Need Access Application, along with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), can be used when applying for need-based institutional scholarships.

How Does Need Access Work?


2. Submit your application. The data is immediately sent to the Access Group. Payment by credit card is required for online applications.

   NOTE: Do not mail any letters, tax forms, or supplemental forms to The Access Group. Any supplemental information or forms you regard as pertinent should be mailed directly to the school. Be sure to make a backup copy and a printout of your completed application before you submit it.

3. The Access Group will complete the processing for your Need Access application within 48 hours after they have received your online application. Now you can check to be sure that your Need Access Application and payment have been received. Just go to web site http://www.needaccess.org/status.htm.

Summary of NEED ACCESS Fees for 2003-2004

$15.00 for each school report requested on your application

If you have questions about Need Access, visit online (www.NeedAccess.Org), e-mail NeedAccess@accessgroup.org, or you may call The Access Group at 1(800) 282-1550 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. EST, Monday - Friday.