

# Marian Clark Scholarship

## Details of Scholarship

**Amount of the scholarships:** The Social Work Department and the Sociology and Anthropology Department award \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year per scholar to approximately 20 students. For the most part, the intention of the scholarship is to pay for tuition and fees and/or related expenses.

**Who is eligible to apply:** Those who will be Junior, Senior or Graduate students at MTSU in the next year of their studies and are or will be Sociology, Anthropology, or Social Work majors are eligible to apply. **All applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.** (Community College transfer students are eligible.)

### Criteria that will determine who will be awarded a Marian Clark Scholarship

Some combination of the following factors will be used to determine who will be recognized as a Marian Clark Scholar. The three most important factors will be:

- a. **Commitment to the field of social service.** Social Service is a dedication and active commitment to promote the health and well-being of individuals, families, groups and communities. For a student to be eligible for the Marian Clark scholarship, they would have to be a social work major or a Sociology/Anthropology major with an interest in applied sociology or anthropology that can specifically and clearly document their commitment to social service endeavors. Volunteer work, involvement with service organizations, career plans and employment experience in the social service area are indicators of commitment.
- b. **Scholarship.** Overall GPA as well as grades in courses related to gerontology, sociology, anthropology, or social work and scholastic potential will be indicators of scholarship.
- c. **Financial need.** Insufficient income, need to terminate employment or not engaged in employment during their studies, child care expenses as well as other expenses are indicators of need.

In addition to the above factors, the Scholarship Committee will give consideration to whether or not the relevant programs are under-represented in terms of types of students in any particular category, e.g., students with disabilities, Native Americans, African Americans, etc. It is recognized that the programs will benefit by diversity in the student body so when an applicant meets the above criteria, additional consideration will be given to try to create a more diversified student body.

A person is eligible to be a scholar for no more than two years.

### Who Can Apply?

If you expect to be a Junior, Senior or Graduate student majoring in the Sociology/Anthropology or Social Work Departments in the coming academic year, and have an overall

grade point average of at least 3.0, then you should consider applying for this scholarship.

### Qualities of a Marian Clark Scholar

If you are applying to be a Marian Clark Scholar, then you should indicate in your application how you hope to emulate the good work of Marian Clark by helping others. What have you done so far in your life that would reflect that you have the potential to help others? What are you doing academically to prepare yourself to help others?

The Marian Clark Scholarship Committee will evaluate the applications and make recommendations to the Social Work, Sociology and Anthropology faculties regarding the awardees.

### Application Process for Sociology/Anthropology

Applications can be obtained from the assistants in the Sociology/Anthropology Department office or online at <http://www.mtsu.edu/soc/scholarships.php>. When completed, the applications are to be emailed to Dr. Ugur Orak at [ugur.orak@mtsu.edu](mailto:ugur.orak@mtsu.edu). The e-mail submission must include "Scholarship Submission" in the subject line.

**Applications must be received by March 17, 2023 at 5pm.** No late submissions will be accepted. The scholarships are granted during the spring semester of each year for the following academic year.

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*The Marian Clark Scholarship is named for one woman ...*

### Mrs. Marian Lisenbee Clark

Mrs. Clark, of Clarksville, TN, graduated from MTSU in her early 50's. When she passed away in 1995, she left over \$600,000 to fund scholarships for students who are planning careers in the social services field. Mrs. Clark is remembered by those who knew her as a bright and capable business woman with a deep concern for education. As a Sociology major, she recognized that sociologists, anthropologists, and social workers applied their knowledge to effectively help both individuals and society.

By endowing scholarships, Mrs. Clark felt that people could be trained to help others and this would have a ripple effect and benefit many people.

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# **\$1,000-\$2000 Scholarship!**

**Deadline: March 17, 2023**

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**Social Work, Sociology, Anthropology Major**

**Entering your Junior or Senior Year or Graduate Student**

**3.0 minimum GPA in Major Field of Study**

**If you meet the above criteria, you may wish to apply for the**

***Marian Clark Scholarship***

**For more information and the application form, please visit**

**<http://www.mtsu.edu/soc/scholarships.php/php>**

**Application Deadline: March 17, 2023**

Application for  
**MARIAN CLARK SCHOLARSHIP**  
for  
Social Service Oriented  
Sociology and Anthropology Majors

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City State Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_M\_\_\_\_\_

Application request for (check all that apply):  Fall  Spring  Summer

Anticipated Semester of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving any other scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

If selected for this scholarship, you will be required to provide a professional headshot to accompany your name on our department website. Do you consent, yes or no?

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ALL INFORMATION MUST BE TYPED**

Return the application form with the following as a single PDF:

- Unofficial Transcript (**must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better**)
- Statement as to why you need the scholarship, what you plan to do with the money, and your commitment to the social service field. Please limit this statement to two pages.
- Indicate if you will be a full time student for Fall, Spring and Summer of the coming academic year

Reference letter from a faculty member:

- Please ask a faculty member to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf to Dr. Ugur Orak at [ugur.orak@mtsu.edu](mailto:ugur.orak@mtsu.edu)

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