

Ginther Scholars Program

Each year a select number of degree-seeking students in the School of Continuing & Professional Studies (SCPS) are named Ginther Scholars. Recipients receive an award from the Marie M. Ginther Scholarship to assist them in covering tuition costs for the academic year. This scholarship program is named for Marie M. Ginther (BBA '87).

"We would like to take some hardship away and help people realize their dream because we realized our dream. I'm proud of Marie, and I hope her story can inspire others. Loyola is a special place. This kind of thing is possible." – Ray Ginther

Read more about her story here: <https://www.luc.edu/loyolamagazine/stories/archive/marie-ginther-story.shtml>

Eligibility Requirements

SCPS Students must meet the following eligibility requirements to apply for the Ginther scholarship:

- Be a degree-seeking student in SCPS
- Working toward the completion of first undergraduate degree
- Completed 12 or more credit hours at Loyola University Chicago
- Have a 3.0 Loyola cumulative GPA.
 - If a student has below a 3.0 cumulative GPA due to credit hours completed five or more years ago as a student in a different school or college at Loyola, the student is eligible for the award if they earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies

Students not eligible to apply for the Ginther Scholars program are those students:

- awarded the SCPS Fellows Scholarship.
- awarded the One Million Degree Scholarship.
- receiving Loyola tuition benefits.

Application Requirements

Students must complete all scholarship requirements listed below by the scholarship application deadline of June 1. Students must:

- have completed the FAFSA for the appropriate academic year.
- complete the general application on Loyola's Scholarship Connection: <https://www.luc.edu/finaid/scholarships/loyolascholarshipconnection/> For students completing the annual application, please be aware that this is the same application.
- submit a 400-500 word essay addressing the following:
 - Describe a meaningful volunteer experience you've had?
 - How did this experience change you?
 - From a financial standpoint, what impact would this scholarship have on your education?

If a student fails to meet any of the eligibility criteria by the deadline, the SCPS Scholarship Committee will not review the student's application. **Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. No exceptions.**

Essay

The Ginther essay can be submitted in one of two ways:

- Complete the **conditional** application on Loyola's Scholarship Connection: <https://www.luc.edu/finaid/scholarships/loyolascholarshipconnection/>
- Email essay to Assistant Dean Jennifer Gettings, jgettin@luc.edu

Application Deadline

The application, fall enrollment, and all eligibility requirements must be met by **June 1, 2022**.

Enrollment Deadlines

- Fall 2022 – June 1, 2022
- Spring 2023 – November 15, 2022
- Summer 2023 – March 15, 2023

The enrollment deadlines are set to allow for the distribution of your scholarship dollars before the first eBill is generated for the semester. Scholarship disbursement for the semester cannot be completed if the student is not enrolled by the enrollment deadline.

Award Distribution

Students can expect to receive the initial notification in early June outlining your expected annual scholarship (inclusive of fall, spring, and summer semesters). Then prior to the start of the spring and summer semesters a reminder email will be sent after the enrollment deadline with that semester's award total. Scholarship awards will post to your LOCUS account typically within 3-5 business days after receiving your award notification.

Questions?

Schedule an appointment with Assistant Dean Jennifer Gettings if you need further assistance understanding the scholarship application process: <https://luc.campus.eab.com/admin>. You'll need to use your Loyola ID/password to login to Navigate and schedule the appointment.

Additionally, in early spring the Assistant Dean hosts weekly scholarship process webinars providing an overview of all options. An invitation to register for a webinar will be included in the weekly SCPS Announcements each week during the spring semester.