

We at SCPS understand that tuition cost is a major factor for students in the decision to return to school. Finishing your degree is more affordable than you think. Through the generosity of various donors, we are able to offer multiple scholarships to help aid your educational endeavor.

Achieve the Degree Application Process

Degree-seeking students in the School of Continuing & Professional Studies (SCPS) have the opportunity to complete the Achieve the Degree application process to be considered for the many scholarship opportunities available to SCPS students each semester.

To apply, students must complete the appropriate SCPS Semester Application:

- Fall Semester - <https://forms.gle/Kb9Yk1r3WM7KwCMX8>
- Spring Semester - <https://forms.gle/JE9twmpQUUVPinF7>
- Summer Semester - <https://forms.gle/4ZbANGXfpAm8TXpj6>

Newly admitted students to SCPS can expect to receive \$2,000 in their first semester with Loyola. Award amounts for current students will range from \$1,100 to \$3,000 semester.

Eligibility Requirements

All degree-seeking students in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies are eligible to apply except for:

- Students awarded the SCPS Fellows Scholarship.
- Students awarded the One Million Degree Scholarship.
- Students who are receiving Loyola University employee tuition benefits.

Merit-Based Scholarships

Students must 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 in their first session will not need to meet a specific GPA requirement until their second semester.

Need-Based Scholarships

Students must have a 2.0 Loyola cumulative GPA.

- Students must have a FAFSA completed for the appropriate academic year.
- Students in their first session will not need to meet a specific GPA requirement until their second semester.

Application Requirements

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

- **Be enrolled in 9 credit hours for the fall and spring semester and 6 credit hours in the summer semester.** New students starting in either Fall II or Spring II must be enrolled in a minimum of 3 credit hours for their first session.
- Have completed the FAFSA for the appropriate academic year if you want to be considered for need-based scholarships.
- Complete the **SCPS semester application (see link above)**

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

Application Deadlines (3 weeks before the start of the semester)

- Summer 2021 – May 10, 2021
- Fall 2021 – July 30, 2021
- Spring 2022 – January 7, 2022
- Summer 2022 – May 9, 2022

- Spring II 2021 (only for new SCPS students starting in Spring II 2021) – March 4, 2021
- Fall II 2021 (only for new SCPS students starting in Fall II 2021) – October 8, 2021
- Spring II 2022 (only for new SCPS students starting in Spring II 2022) – February 18, 2022

Award Distribution

Students can expect to receive notification regarding what scholarship awards they may be receiving for the semester within one week of the application deadline. Scholarship awards will post to your LOCUS account typically within 3-5 business days after receiving your award notification.

About the School:

Loyola University Chicago's School of Continuing and Professional Studies empowers adult learners through an accessible, impactful and holistic education that positions them for success.

Our applicable programs and flexible formats enable students to advance careers and fulfill personal goals. Guided by Loyola's Jesuit tradition, SCPS creates a supportive environment that fosters social justice, ethics, and service to others.

Questions? Schedule an appointment with Interim Assistant Dean Jennifer Gettings if you need further assistance understanding the scholarship application process: <https://bit.ly/JenniferGettings>