

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.

The SCPS Fellows Scholarships

The Fellows Scholarship is the largest scholarship that the School of Continuing & Professional Studies (SCPS) offers. SCPS students who are accepted are eligible to receive an annual scholarship that matches the amount they receive in tuition reimbursement from their corporate employer (up to \$5,250, per year, per student). For full guidelines on the Fellows Program, please visit our site here: <https://www.luc.edu/adult-education/affordable-degree-programs/tuition-matching/scpsfellowsprogramguidelines/>

To apply, students must be nominated by their supervisor or other individual at their current company. Corporations should submit forms electronically here:

<https://gpem.luc.edu/register/SCPSFellowsNominationForm%20>

Once the nomination form is received, the student will be sent a note to apply for admission via Loyola's standard, basic admission form (if they have not already applied). The student will be contacted to submit a Fellows application and meet with the Assistant Dean.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants to the SCPS Fellows Program must:

- Be **new** degree-seeking students to SCPS
- Be gainfully employed and receive tuition reimbursement by their company or sponsoring organization (students may also be sponsored by an organization, such as a parish)
- Meet the standard SCPS guidelines for admission
- Be nominated by their employer and submit a Fellows Application
- Submit transcripts for all prior academic work
- Complete the FAFSA and send results to LUC
- Have recent academic success, a pattern of steady and rising employment success, and exhibit commitment to completing the degree

Please note that:

- Students who are provided with \$8,000 or more annually by their employer may not be eligible
- Each nomination is evaluated by the Fellows Committee; academic performance, the employer nomination, and career assessment are all evaluated
- Fellows are not eligible for any additional SCPS scholarships (though outside scholarships are acceptable). Fellows are not eligible for the *Achieve the Degree* scholarship.
- Veterans are eligible for the Fellows Program if not receiving full tuition funding. Veterans must work with the Office of Financial Aid to determine how the Fellows scholarship affects their VA benefits.
- Students who are Loyola employees utilizing Loyola University employee tuition benefits are not eligible. This includes Loyola medical employees.

Fellows Requirements

Fellows must:

- Commit to taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per academic year. Fellows must be enrolled in at least six credit hours for the Fall semester and six credit hours in the Spring semester.
- Maintain a 3.0 Loyola cumulative GPA. If Fellows drop below a cumulative 3.0 GPA, they will be placed on Fellows Probation for one semester. If a 3.0 cumulative GPA is not reached after the completion of the probationary semester, the student will be dismissed from the Fellows Program.
- Remain actively employed or engaged in their sponsoring organization and receive matching funding.

Application Deadlines

- Summer 2021 – May 3, 2021
- Fall 2021 – August 2, 2021
- Spring 2022 – December 1, 2021
- Summer 2022 – May 2, 2022

Enrollment Deadlines

- Fall 2021 – June 1, 2020
- Spring 2022 – November 1, 2020
- Summer 2022 – March 1, 2021

The enrollment deadlines are set to allow for the distribution of your scholarship dollars before the first eBill is generated for the semester. Students admitted to the Fellows scholarship program after the enrollment deadline for a given semester should be enrolled by the application deadline so there is no disruption in award distribution.

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.