Ginther Scholars Program

Each year four 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. The scholars 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

To apply, students must log in to Loyola Scholarship Connections, the Loyola “Academic Works” scholarship database, to complete their scholarship application. To apply, go to: https://luc.academicworks.com/users/sign_in

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.
- who are Loyola employees utilizing Loyola University employee tuition benefits. This includes Loyola medical employees.

Application Requirements

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

- have completed the FAFSA for the appropriate academic year.
- have completed the Loyola University general scholarship application in Loyola Scholarship Connections, the Loyola “Academic Works” scholarship database.
- have completed the SCPS conditional application in Loyola Scholarship Connections, the Loyola “Academic Works” scholarship database.
- Students will be required to complete an **essay question** as a part of their application.

Please write 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.

**Application Deadline**
The application and all eligibility requirements must be met by **July 8, 2019.**

**Award Distribution**
Students receiving the Ginther scholarship for the academic year must adhere to the following enrollment deadlines for each semester:

- **July 8, 2019** – must be enrolled in 9 credit hours over the course of the Fall 2019 semester. This includes both Fall I and Fall II sessions.
- **November 20, 2019** - must be enrolled in 9 credit hours over the course of the Spring 2020 semester. This includes both Spring I and Spring II sessions.
- **April 15, 2020** – must be enrolled in 6 credit hours over the course of the Summer 2020 semester. This includes Summer 6 Week 1, Summer 6 Week 2, and Summer 8 Week 1 sessions.

Scholarship disbursement for the semester can not be completed if the student is not enrolled by the enrollment deadline. Awards will be distributed to students' accounts before the start of each semester.

**Questions?** Contact the SCPS office at [scps@luc.edu](mailto:scps@luc.edu) or 312.915.6501

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**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.