

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.
- submit a 400-500 word essay to Assistant Dean Jennifer Gettings, jgettin@luc.edu, 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?
- 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.

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, fall enrollment, and all eligibility requirements must be met by **June 1, 2021**.

Enrollment Deadlines & Award Distribution

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

- **June 1, 2021** – must be enrolled in 9 credit hours over the course of the Fall 2021 semester. This includes both Fall I and Fall II sessions.
- **November 1, 2021** – must be enrolled in 9 credit hours over the course of the Spring 2022 semester. This includes both Spring I and Spring II sessions.
- **March 1, 2022** – must be enrolled in 6 credit hours over the course of the Summer 2022 semester. This includes Summer 6 Week 1, Summer 6 Week 2, and Summer 8 Week 1 sessions.

Scholarship disbursement for the semester cannot be completed if the student is not enrolled by the enrollment deadline. Awards will be distributed to students' accounts within 7-10 days of the enrollment deadline.

Questions? Contact the SCPS office at scps@luc.edu or 312.915.6501

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.