



**DR. CAROL BRIDGES and DR. JIM BURKE**  
**SOCIAL WORK SCHOLARSHIP**  
**East Central University**  
*Established Spring 2009*

This scholarship was established to honor Dr. Carol J. Bridges and Dr. Jim Burke for over 30 years of service to East Central University and the Social Work Program. Dr. Bridges and Dr. Burke started their career in higher education in 1978 when they became faculty members of the Department of Human Resources. They were instrumental in the Social Work Program obtaining national accreditation through the Council on Social Work Education in 1983 and maintaining accreditation to the present. Drs. Bridges and Burke have set a standard of excellence in the social work program that represents academic integrity, dedication to the principles of the social work profession, and fosters a learning environment in which students are prepared for a changing and culturally diverse society. Dr. Bridges has been Program Director since 1997 and provides the leadership for the program to grow and maintain the highest standards. Dr. Bridges is the department's only Adolph Linscheid Distinguished Teaching Professor. Dr. Burke developed the Program's internship program and was Internship Coordinator for the Social Work Program until he assumed duties as the chair of the Department of Human Resources in 2007.

As funds allow, a minimum of one scholarship of \$500 shall be awarded annually each spring semester to an outstanding social work student who demonstrates commitment to social justice, social change, and advocacy for vulnerable persons.

**Eligible Applicants:** Applicants must be a full-time Social Work major with junior or senior standing, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Applicants must be accepted into and have completed at least 12 hours in the ECU Social Work Program

**Application Deadline:** The deadline shall be **February 1** of each year. Scholarship monies will be awarded for the fall semester. The recipient must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 to receive monies. Following selection, the Department Chair will notify the Foundation in writing the name(s) of the recipient(s). The Foundation shall distribute funds in accordance with its standard policies.



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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Classification in the fall semester Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours for current enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously received a scholarship from the ECU Foundation? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which scholarship(s) and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive financial aid? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

List any grants or financial aid received and the amount \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Higher Education**

List College(s) and Date(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

List your major \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Packet**

**The applicant is responsible for providing:**

1. Completed scholarship application
2. Narrative stating why applicant should be considered and conveying commitment to the social work profession, social justice, social change, and advocacy for vulnerable populations.
3. Two letters of recommendation responding to character, leadership ability, and potential to make a positive difference in the social work profession. One letter must be from a faculty member in the department and one from a source outside the department.
4. Current Unofficial Transcript

**Please Return the Completed Application  
and Attachments to  
Chair, Department of Human Resources  
Room 148 Faust Hall**