

City Heights MSW Scholarship Program

This document is only to be completed by applicants who are applying for the City Heights MSW Scholarship program.

Funded by Price Philanthropies, the City Heights Master of Social Work Scholarship was created to address the need to support a bilingual, culturally responsive social work workforce and increase the number and diversity of well-trained and highly committed Master-level clinical social workers in the City Heights area of San Diego. This scholarship will provide support services and tuition assistance to two MSW students who have experience living and/or working in City Heights, qualify for financial assistance, have an interest in becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and are passionate about serving mental health needs in City Heights upon graduation. Please note, the selection process will include a panel interview. Qualified and admitted MSW students who are awarded this scholarship will receive up to \$11,418 each year toward amount of total cost of attendance, as determined by the SDSU Financial Aid Office, for up to 2 years.

Student Selection Criteria:

To be considered for the SDSU School of Social Work City Heights MSW Scholarship program, candidates must:

- Be accepted for full-time enrollment to the SDSU MSW Program for the 2020-2021 academic year
- Enroll in the 2-year MSW direct practice concentration
- Have experience living and/or working in the City Heights community
- Have a minimum 3.0 undergraduate cumulative GPA
- Have a Bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, sociology, counseling, or a related field of study
- Demonstrate financial need through the completion of the FAFSA
- Have experience working and/or interning/volunteering in a community setting
- Demonstrate commitment to working in a clinical setting or with children and families
- Include a sponsorship letter from a City Heights community organization that details your involvement and commitment to the City Heights community. This letter must be on agency letterhead.

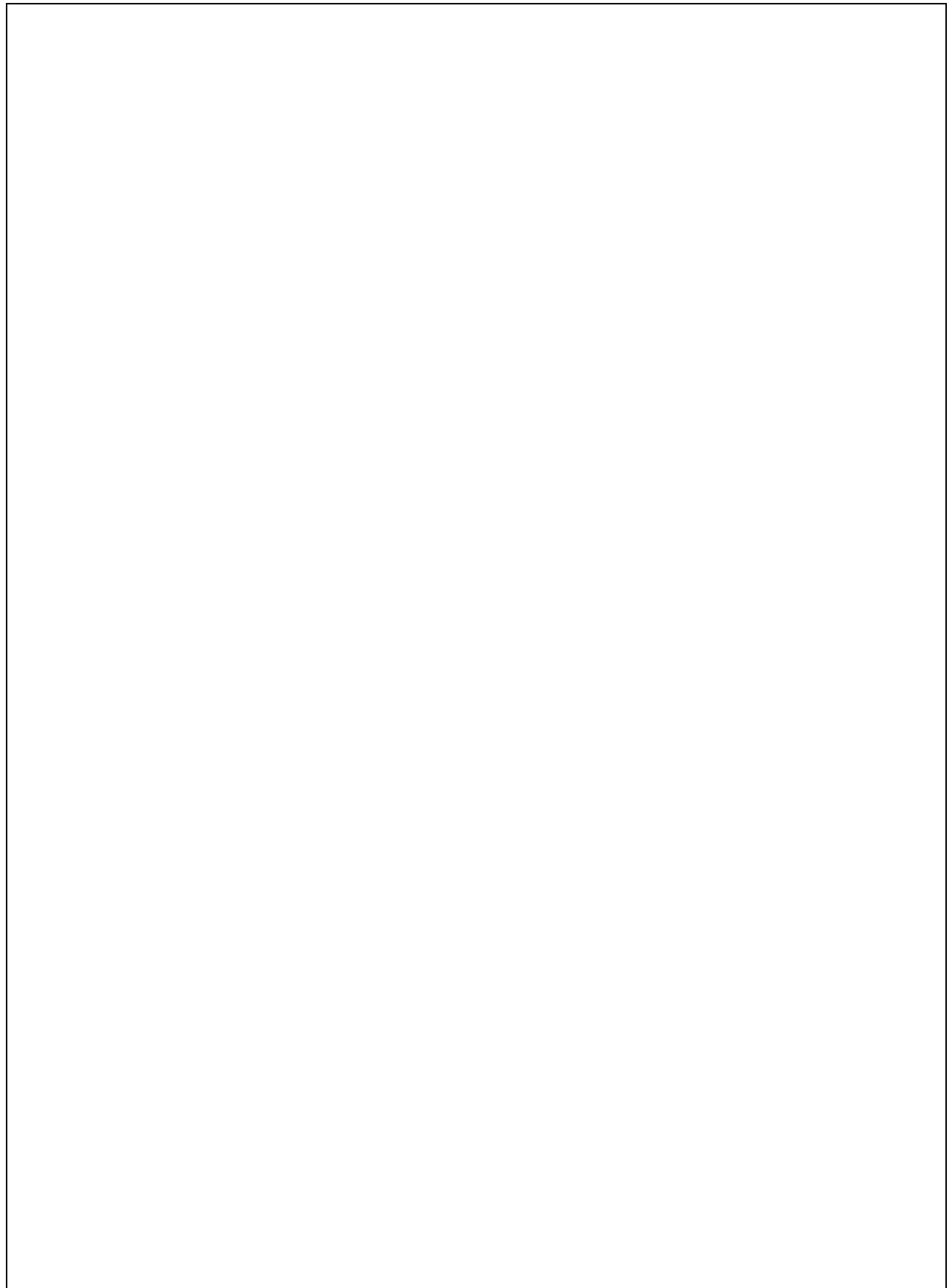
Preferred candidates will:

- Be bilingual and will have demonstrated proficiency in languages such as: Somali, Khmer, Burmese, Vietnamese, Arabic, or Amharic
- Have a demonstrated interest in working with immigrant and refugee populations

By applying to the City Heights MSW Scholarship, the applicant authorizes and consents to the release of information as follows (must check all three):

- ☐ To the SDSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, to release information from my Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Price Philanthropies for use in reviewing my application and determining my eligibility for this scholarship.
- ☐ To the School of Social Work faculty and administration to release all information from this SDSU MSW application to Price Philanthropies and City Heights community members who will make up the City Heights MSW Scholarship Interview Panel.
- ☐ To the School of Social Work faculty and administration to release information on post-graduation employment and career activities to Price Philanthropies for program evaluation purposes.

On the next page tell us in 500 words or less why you are interested in the City Heights MSW Scholarship program and describe your proficiency in all languages spoken, other than English.



The Admissions Director, Ms. Kellie Scott, will contact you once your MSW application is reviewed.