

# UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN GREEN BAY

## Seeking Applications for the Betty L. Baer Scholarship in Social Work/Social Justice

### History

In 2014, alumnus Doug Wirth ('89) initiated this scholarship in honor of Professor Betty L. Baer. Professor Baer was a primary architect of UW-Green Bay's undergraduate and graduate programs in Social Work - and a respected and influential state and national leader in both curriculum and practice. Baer joined the UW-Green Bay faculty in fall 1985 as an associate professor of Social Work, and was the driving force in achieving the program's initial accreditation. She served as chairperson of the department. She also was an early advocate of bringing graduate-level education to the Green Bay area, culminating with the launch of a joint master's degree program with UW-Oshkosh. Baer retired from the University in 1996. Douglas Wirth says that Professor Baer was a "dynamic, passionate, courageous woman and a force of nature who would ask the kind of questions that would lead you to find your internal compass and get busy in the world. She was, for me, a very awe-inspiring mentor who grounded me in social work's role as a social change agent."

The UWGB Social Work Department will award one scholarship each academic year. One-half of the scholarship will be applied to fall semester tuition and fees while the second payment will be applied to spring semester tuition and fees provided the minimum cumulative G.P.A. meets the university's established requirements.

### Scholarship Selection Criteria

- a. Must be a full-time undergraduate student at UW-Green Bay
- b. Must have declared major in Social Work
- c. Must show exceptional promise and potential to be a dynamic and passionate professional in Social Work.
- d. Preference will be given to students who are best able to articulate the importance of social policy and social justice in contemporary society.
- e. Preference will be given to students who are preparing for and/or planning a career that centers on social justice work.
- f. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated a commitment to social policy and/or social justice work (based on prior experiences) and will continue that work.

Questions about the scholarship can be directed to the Social Work Program ([socialwork@uwgb.edu](mailto:socialwork@uwgb.edu) or 920-465-2049).

**Deadline for applying for the upcoming academic year is 4:30 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of March. Applications must be received by deadline for consideration.**



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University of Wisconsin-Green Bay  
Social Work Professional Programs  
Betty L. Baer Scholarship Fund Application

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The Betty L. Baer Scholarship is available to UWGB undergraduate social work students who will be enrolled full-time in the upcoming fall semester. Applications are evaluated based on submission of materials addressing the criteria below. Applying for this scholarship requires you to complete an online application form. The form will ask for all of the information requested below; the items are replicated here so that applicants have time to reflect on their responses before submitting them. To apply, please click [here](#) to access the form; applications will only be accepted through the link provided. You will be asked to provide the following:

Name:	<hr/>
Student ID Number:	<hr/>
Major:	<hr/>
Year:	<hr/>
Semester Started at UW Green Bay:	<hr/>
Expected Graduation Date:	<hr/>
Mailing Address:	<hr/>
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Date:	<hr/>

- 1) Discuss your perception of the importance of social policy and social justice in contemporary society.
- 2) Describe your commitment to, and past experiences with, social policy and/or social justice work, include your plans for continuing such work.
- 3) Identify your career plans in social work and how you see your commitment to social justice informing your career.
- 4) Provide any other information you feel the review committee should have about you when reviewing your application.