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Scholarship Aid Available for City Employees Seeking Graduate Degrees

—Workers Can Compete for Full or Partial Aid From 36 Participating Schools—

The Department of Citywide Administrative Services has opened the application period for the 2011-2012 Mayor's Graduate Scholarship Program (MGSP) for full-time City employees who qualify.

A limited number of scholarships are available. Applications must be submitted to the personnel office of the employee's agency by Monday, November 22, 2010. Some agencies may have an earlier submission date.

This year, 36 schools are offering full or partial scholarships to City government employees for study on their own time in such areas as public and business administration, computer science, law, and public health. The scholarships are being offered for classes that begin in the fall of 2011, unless otherwise indicated.

To compete for a scholarship, applicants must: be a full-time City employee; have a bachelor's degree by the start of the fall 2011 semester; be willing to pursue a graduate degree on one's own time; and meet other requirements of the specific degree program offering a scholarship, as explained in the official Scholarship Offering Guide.

City government employees interested in obtaining applications and details about scholarship offerings should visit the MGSP Web site at www.nyc.gov/mgsp to obtain a copy of the Scholarship Offering Guide. For additional information or assistance email MGSP@dcas.nyc.gov or call (212) 669-4163.

Employees are encouraged to apply early. Last year, nearly 400 applications were received, and over 50 scholarships were awarded.

The scholarship application includes three separate essays. An employee must describe his or her present responsibilities, explain why graduate school is important, and explain what professional benefits could be gained personally and for City government by the employee having a graduate degree.

All award decisions are made by the participating colleges based on scholastic ability, leadership potential, range of knowledge, experience and applicable test scores. Most schools require applicants to have maintained not less than a 2.5 grade point average as an undergraduate.

Selected scholars must remain full-time City government employees during the entire course of study and students in good standing.

The participating schools for the 2011-2012 academic year are:



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- Boricua College;
- City University of New York (CUNY) Baruch College's School of Public Affairs, and Zicklin School of Business;
- Columbia University's Institute for Social and Economic Research & Policy, Mailman School of Public Health, and School of Social Work;
- Cornell University's School of Industrial Labor Relations;
- Fordham University's School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, School of Law and School of Social Service;
- Hofstra University's School of Education and Allied Human Services;
- Long Island University's Brooklyn Campus MPA program and CW Post Campus;
- Metropolitan College;
- Monroe College;
- The New School's Milano New School for Management and Urban Policy;
- New York Institute of Technology;
- New York Law School;
- New York University's NYU School of Social Work, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, School of Continuing and Professional Studies, and Steinhardt School of Education;
- Pace University's Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Lienhard School of Nursing, Lubin School of Business, School of Computer Science and Information Systems and School of Education;
- Polytechnic University;
- Pratt Institute;
- St. Joseph's College;
- Seton Hall University;
- Touro College's School of Business and School of Technology;
- Touro Law School;
- Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

Refer to the MGSP Scholarship Offering Guide available at www.nyc.gov/mgsp for further information about offerings in specific degree programs and postings for any additional scholarships.