The LMU School Psychology Program believes that diversity, in all its forms, helps create an impactful learning community within each cohort and across the program. In order to support candidates with different strengths and life experiences, we offer school psychology partial tuition scholarships. Candidates do not need to meet all criteria to be considered for a scholarship award.

**Scholarship Criteria**

- **Financial need** - Candidate demonstrates strong financial need to fund graduate education, including a copy of the FAFSA*, which may include plans to work while in graduate school, financial support from other sources, other financial obligations, etc.
- **Merit** - Candidate demonstrates strong academic potential based on previous educational attainment, recognitions, and/or has significant and meaningful work experience with preK-12 students and in schools.
- **Increasing representation of candidates from historically underrepresented groups in graduate education/school psychology** - Candidate strongly identifies with historically marginalized cultural group(s) and brings this awareness to their graduate work and future career in school psychology (e.g., Identify as BIPOC, first generation, DACA*, LGBTQ, etc.).
- **Commitment to social justice** - Candidate has demonstrated a sustained personal engagement with and/or commitment to supporting individuals from underrepresented or marginalized communities, improving access and opportunity for these individuals, and/or working for systemic, institutional, or community change through volunteerism, advocacy, activism, leadership, or other work.

**Steps to Apply**

Applicants may apply for the scholarship once they have been invited to interview.

1. Submit the 2023-2024 or 2024-2025 FAFSA to LMU Financial Aid Office
   - Candidates are not eligible for federal financial aid until Fall 2024 since only 1 unit is taken in Summer.
   - Scholarship awards will start in Summer 2024.
2. Complete the LMU School Psychology Program Scholarship Application.
   
   **Note:** Initial scholarship awards are the minimum guaranteed award for the first two years of the program. Awards for year 3 are made after internship payment/stipend information is provided. When additional scholarship monies are available, the above criteria and program involvement (e.g., leadership, volunteerism, and involvement in GASP) are considered.

**Key Dates & Deadlines**

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*DACA candidates and candidates who are otherwise not eligible are not required to submit the FAFSA for scholarship consideration.*