Cathy Houlihan First Gen Scholarship

The School of Social Work is announcing a newly funded $2,500 scholarship for BA students who are majoring in social work and are first generation college students. A first-generation college student is the first individual in their family to attend college. This fund is established by Cathy Houlihan, a 1978 BA Social Work alumna. Ms. Houlihan’s interest is in supporting first generation college students in the major. This is the second year she has made a donation to fund two awards.

Please submit a ONE PAGE essay stating that you are a first-generation college student, and informing the donor of how the gift will benefit you in your social work career. Please also provide the name of one social work faculty member who would support your self-nomination. The review panel will also review the candidate’s essays submitted as part of their BA Social Work application materials to select the award recipients. Juniors and Seniors may apply.

Two recipients will be chosen and will be expected to write to Ms. Houlihan, and to meet with her if she visits campus. The award will be deposited to the student account and may affect other financial aid that you receive.

Submit your one page essay and the name of your faculty reference by email to: Kate-Kemp@uiowa.edu by July 1, 2020.

Deadline to apply is Wednesday, July 1, 2020.