Christensen-Klein Scholarship for Social Work Students

The Christensen-Klein scholarship is to support one undergraduate and one graduate social work student. The criteria for the award is to deserving students enrolled in the SSW who demonstrate merit and are in good academic standing.

The Christensen-Klein Scholarship was established in 2021 by Martin P. Klein (83MS) out of gratitude for the world-class educational experience he gained from the University of Iowa. This scholarship is named in memory of Marty's friend, John Christensen (83MS), a fellow Hawkeye fan who passed away in 2019 and is remembered for his humor, kindness, and dedication to his family. Marty was also inspired to create this scholarship in honor of his children, Rachel (Klein) Melhorn and Sam Klein, who have dedicated their lives to helping others through their careers in social work and psychology, respectively. The scholarship supports deserving students in the UI School of Social Work who reflect the values of these influential people in Marty’s life by helping others through their careers.

One $1,000 award each will be made to an undergrad and graduate student.

Students self-nominate.

The application includes:
- Financial information entry
- A one-page essay addressing:
  - what most qualifies you for this scholarship (your academic, volunteer, work history)
  - The name of one faculty reference that has agreed to be contacted.

An unofficial current transcript will be applied to the application by the School of Social Work administrative office.

Application deadline: Friday, November 10, 2023. The selection will be made on or about December 15, 2023 with disbursement of the $1,000 award to be made to the student’s University account in January 2024.

How to apply
- Accept invitation to join School of Social Work Scholarships ICON site.
- Once in the site, locate the Module titled, Christensen-Klein Scholarship.
- Upload your statement with your name at the top and the name of a social work faculty member who has agreed to be a reference.
- Complete the Financial Information for Scholarship Application form in the ICON site.

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