



## BIRTHWISE MIDWIFERY SCHOOL

### **Underserved Communities Midwifery Scholarship Guidelines**

#### **Goal of Scholarship:**

There are many underserved communities where access to midwives and midwifery care are non-existent or limited. The goal of Underserved Communities Midwifery Scholarship is to provide support to Birthwise Midwifery student(s) who will serve their communities and be leaders in midwifery care.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Recipients of this scholarship will be chosen using the following criteria:

- a) Be a member of a distinct ethnic/religious/ cultural community inside or outside the United States that desires to incorporate respectful birthing practices into their community. Demonstrate that the community she is a part of is in need of the services she will provide as a midwife.
- b) Be familiar with and/or involved in birth work prior to admittance to Birthwise.
- c) Demonstrate potential to be a leader in their community.
- d) Demonstrate clear financial need (the FAFSA application must be completed: [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)).
- e) Share a philosophy of birth and midwifery that is compatible with Birthwise.
- f) Meet all the admission requirements as outlined in the Birthwise catalog and be accepted into the program.
- g) Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as outlined in the Student Handbook, in order to continue receiving the scholarship.
- h) Must have proficiency in the English language.

***Current students may apply for this scholarship at any time during enrollment at Birthwise and if awarded it would apply to future semesters.***



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### Underserved Communities Midwifery Scholarship - FAQs

#### When is the Application Due?

- June 30, 2017

#### What does the Scholarship Include?

- 30% of the full tuition cost of each semester for the duration of the program.

#### What is the Student's Responsibility?

- 70% of the tuition cost each semester. Students are required to purchase physical assessment equipment prior to the first semester, approximately \$ 170.00. Book expenses are approximately \$1400.00 for the entire program and living and travel expenses while in the program (amount will vary for each student).

#### What are the Responsibilities of the Recipient once the Scholarship is Awarded?

- Recipients will be held to all policies and standards expected of all Birthwise Midwifery Students that are stated in the Enrollment Agreement and Academic Policies.
- Recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress as outlined in the Birthwise Academic Policies in order to maintain the scholarship.
- Recipients agree to return to their community upon graduation from Birthwise and work as a midwife for a minimum of 2 years.
- Provide annual updates regarding community work that recipients have done via email for a minimum of 2 years. (Updates can be emailed to Heidi Fillmore, Executive Director: [Heidi@birthwise.midwifery.edu](mailto:Heidi@birthwise.midwifery.edu))

#### How Can I Get My Application to You?

- Email: Student Affairs Coordinator: [studentaffairs@birthwisemidwifery.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@birthwisemidwifery.edu)
- Mail: Birthwise Midwifery Attention: Student Affairs Coordinator, 24 S. High St. Bridgton, ME 04009
- Fax: 207.647.5919

#### Will I have to interview for the scholarship?

- An interview will be conducted in person, via phone or Skype as the final step in the selection process.



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#### Application Form & Essay Questions

Please fill out the application below and address the statements and questions. Return to Birthwise by **June 30, 2017**: Birthwise Midwifery School Attention: Student Affairs Coordinator, 24 S. High St. Bridgton, ME 04009

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please address the following in an essay:

- Describe in detail about the underserved community you are a part of and why midwifery care is important to that community.
- What it takes to succeed in midwifery education.
- Your profession goals as a midwife and how those goals relate to the community you want to serve.
- Any barriers you face in pursuing a midwifery education that you would like the Scholarship Committee to take under consideration
- How receiving this scholarship assist you with your goal of becoming a midwife

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Please provide a letter of reference (in addition to the required references for your application) from a leader in your community who can speak to your abilities or promise in the field of midwifery and the support you would have from the community during your training at Birthwise.