



# 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 by April 15 of any year while enrolled at Birthwise and if awarded it would apply to all future semesters.***



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### Underserved Communities Midwifery Scholarship - FAQs

#### When is the Application Due?

- April 15, 2018

#### What does the Scholarship Include?

- A tuition reduction and a \$600 stipend for books and materials at the beginning of the first semester, and a \$200 stipend at the beginning of the second, third and fourth semesters. Students in the community model will also receive \$75 at the beginning of the fifth semester.

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

- The recipient must complete the FAFSA application prior to the start of each academic year and must continue to be eligible for financial aid and show financial need. If selected, recipients must have all necessary verification paperwork to the financial aid office 30 days prior to the start of each academic year (July 1<sup>st</sup>).
- The recipient understands that all eligible Federal Student Loans and/or Grants will be included in the financial aid package. Any federal loans will be due to the federal government after a 6-month grace period upon leaving Birthwise.

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

- By accepting the scholarship, the recipient acknowledges their intention to complete their studies at Birthwise. If a recipient were to withdraw from Birthwise prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the semester, Birthwise reserves the right to cancel the scholarship. If a recipient received money from Birthwise which included the scholarship, the recipient will be required to pay back the amount received. If a student withdraws after the 30<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the semester, the student can still receive the scholarship to help cover any of the charges incurred. If the recipient's educational costs are refunded or waived, the scholarship will be canceled and the recipient will not be allowed a refund from the scholarship monies. If this results in a balance owed to Birthwise, the recipient is required to pay that money back to the school.
- The recipient is expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress as described in the Student Handbook. If the recipient does not maintain satisfactory academic progress, the school reserves the right to rescind the scholarship.
- The recipient must be registered each semester for the standard full-time course load and must secure a preceptorship in a timely manner in order to maintain financial aid

eligibility in all semesters. Exceptions to this policy may be made under extenuating circumstances on a case by case basis as determined by the Academic Director.

- The recipient is bound by the policies and regulations as outlined in the Birthwise Student Handbook. Any violation of these policies may result in the loss of scholarship.

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

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



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### Application Form & Essay Questions

Please fill out the application below and address the statements and questions. Return to Birthwise by **April 15, 2018**: 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 will receiving this scholarship assist you with your goal of becoming a midwife.

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