

The Amy Wise HDFS Student Scholarship Fund

Amy W. Wise graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1978 with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies. When she moved to Vermont in 1979, she taught for a time at The University of Vermont in The Campus Children’s School (when it was named the Early Childhood Development Center). Amy Wise spent the rest of her life in Vermont as an Early Childhood Educator and advocate for young children and their families. In 2006, Amy Wise received the Vermont Governor’s Award for Outstanding Community Service. When she died in 2014, she left a substantial gift to the Human Development and Family Studies (now Science) (HDFS) Program at UVM. The HDFS Program and this Scholarship Fund are housed within the Department of Counseling, Human Development, and Family Science in the College of Education and Social Services.

In recognition of (a) Amy Wise’s commitment to human development and family science, education, and advocacy; and her deep devotion to children and families; (b) the benefits to students of engaging in the high impact practices of study abroad/study away programs and internship experiences; and (c) the HDFS Program’s commitment to inclusive excellence, the HDFS faculty dedicate the majority of Amy Wise’s bequest¹ to the Amy Wise HDFS Student Scholarship Fund, with the allowable expenditures and eligibility criteria as laid out below.

The Amy Wise HDFS Student Scholarship Types, Allowable Expenditures, Eligibility Criteria, and Maximum Funds Available Per Scholarship Type

Scholarship Type	Allowable Expenditure Description	Eligible Population	Maximum Funds & # Awards Available Per Academic Year for Each Scholarship Type
Study Abroad or Study Away From Campus	Financial support to students wishing to pursue and experience study abroad in another country or study away in another community in the United States. The	Undergraduate students (2 nd year and above) in HDFS and ECED with limited financial resources for study abroad/study away who make a strong case for how such an	\$6,000 maximum funds per year; \$3,000 maximum per

¹ In recognition of Amy Wise’s passion for travel, a separate Amy Wise HDFS International/Cross-Cultural Program Development Scholarship Fund may be developed that will provide support to faculty as they work to develop and maintain formal connections between UVM and host programs in other countries [or other areas of the U.S.] likely to be of interest to students in HDFS and Early Childhood Education (ECED).

	study abroad/study away experience must be one that is sponsored by a formal program approved by UVM.	experience would contribute to their education/academic progress, personal development, and professional development as developing HDFS or ECED professionals.	individual awardee
Inclusive Excellence	Scholarship Award to UVM students in HDFS who will contribute to the program's commitment to Inclusive Excellence. This award is designed to support academic progression and academic success in the HDFS Program for students who can articulate how their lived experience will contribute to the HDFS program and discipline. The scholarship funds must be spent on tuition and/or educational materials.	Undergraduate students (2 nd year and above) majoring in HDFS who have taken HDF 1010 and who can articulate how this award would support their education and academic progression and how their lived experience would contribute to the HDFS program and discipline.	\$6,000 maximum funds per year; \$3,000 maximum per individual awardee.
Senior Internship	Financial support to students enrolled in the HDFS Senior Internship course (HDF 4991) to enable a reduction in paid employment hours to 10 or fewer per week.	Undergraduate HDFS seniors enrolled in 3 credits (or more) of HDF 4991 in one semester and who, without financial support, would need to engage in paid employment for more than 10 hours a week to cover their academic and living expenses.	\$6,000 maximum funds per year; \$3,000 ² maximum per individual awardee

² This amount is expected to be adjusted over time to accommodate for Federal Minimum Wage and UVM Work Study rate changes and ensure the fund is available to at least two students per semester to replace at least 5 and a maximum of 10 hours a week employment across a 15-week semester.

Additional Information and Application Procedures

1. Annual Award Cycles and Application Deadlines

- There will be an annual awards cycle with an application deadline of May 15th.
- Applications themselves are expected to open around April 15th.

2. Total Available Funds for Scholarships Per Academic Year

- A total of \$18,000 is available per academic year across all Scholarship Types

3. Application Requirements

- A call for applications will be announced in mid-April.
- As part of the application, all students are to provide a statement of interest, a current resume, and an explanation of impact as articulated for each type of award being applied for.
- Students applying to Scholarship #1 and/or #2 must give permission to the committee to access Financial Aid information from the UVM Financial Aid Office. Those applying to Scholarship #3: if you have financial aid, you also must give permission for this access. This is because even for this award that is not financially based, we have to check whether and how an award might affect existing financial aid.

Additional requirements for Students Applying for Scholarship Type #2 (Senior Internship) Include:

- You must provide evidence of having had to work more than 10 hours a week in prior years as part of your application. This may be done by describing your work hours and submitting a letter from your employer regarding your typical work hours.
- You must also commit to not working for pay for more than 10 hours a week during the regular academic semester for which the grant is given (excluding UVM breaks).

4. Application Reviewing Procedures

Applications for Scholarship Type # 1 will be reviewed by a committee composed of at least two HDFS Program Faculty and at least one ECED Program Faculty. The committee

to review applications for Scholarship Types 2 & 3 will be comprised of at least two full-time HDFS Program Faculty.

For questions about these awards and the application process, please contact HDFS Program Specialist Chris.Caswell@uvm.edu or HDFS Program Coordinator Jacqueline.Weinstock@uvm.edu.