

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 (HDFS). 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 HDFS Program at UVM. The HDFS Program and this Scholarship Fund are housed within the Department of Leadership and Development Sciences in the College of Education and Social Services.

In recognition of (a) Amy Wise’s commitment to human development and family studies, education, and advocacy; and her deep devotion to children and families; (b) the HDFS Program’s commitment to expanding the racial diversity among incoming and graduating HDFS majors, and its commitment to social justice in general, especially racial and economic justice; and (c) the benefits to students of engaging in the high impact practices of study abroad/study away programs and internship experiences, 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 Scholarship Types Allowable Expenditures and Eligibility Criteria \$15,000 Available in Scholarships Per Academic Year Across All Allowable Expense Types

Allowable Expense Type	Allowable Expenditure Description	Eligible Population	Maximum Funds & # Awards Available Per Academic Year for Each Fund Type
#1: Study Abroad or 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 Early Childhood Education with limited financial resources for study abroad/study away.	\$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 is also being 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 areas of the U.S.] likely to be of interest to students in HDFS and Early Childhood Education.

	study abroad/study away experience must be one that is sponsored by a formal program approved by UVM.		individual awardee
#2: Senior Internship	Financial support to students enrolled in the HDFS Senior Internship course (HDFS 290).	Undergraduate HDFS seniors enrolled in 3 credits (or more) of HDFS 290 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.	\$5,000 maximum funds per year; \$2,500 ² maximum per individual awardee
#3 Racial Equity	Scholarship Award to UVM students who are BIPOC, to support academic progression and academic success in the HDFS Program. This award has been created as part of the HDFS Program's efforts to a) increase the racial diversity of students majoring in HDFS, b) redress –at least to a small extent –historical and current racial inequities, and c) acknowledge and attempt to lessen the additional challenges students who are BIPOC face as part of a predominantly white college campus in a predominantly white state. The scholarship funds must be spent on tuition and/or educational materials.	Undergraduate students, second year or above, who are majors in HDFS who identify as BIPOC, with special focus on those who are Black and/or Indigenous. Preference will be given to those who identify as Black and/or Indigenous, and who have a financial need. Students are expected to graduate from UVM with an HDFS major degree but at least with an HDFS minor.	\$4,000 maximum funds per year; \$2,000 maximum per individual awardee.

² This amount will be adjusted as the Federal Minimum Wage and UVM Work Study rates change, to 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.

Note: There may be a second award cycle in the fall semester for select awards for the spring.

2. 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 and need, and a current resume.

Students applying to Scholarship Types #1 (Study Abroad or Away from Campus) and #2 (Senior Internship), must also give permission to the committee to access Financial Aid information from the UVM Financial Aid Office.

Additional requirements for students applying for Scholarship Type #2 (Senior Internship) is that 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 be required to 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).

3. 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 Early Childhood Education Program Faculty. The committee to review applications for Scholarship Types 2 & 3 will be comprised of 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 Camelia.Maianu@uvm.edu.