

GSE Donor-Based Scholarship FAQs

What are donor-based scholarships?

Donor-based scholarships are often named after a donor to honor parents, professors, or other important people in one's life. Donor-based scholarships have specific criteria that must be met based on the benefactor's directives.

How many donor-based scholarship opportunities does GSE offer to students?

The Graduate School of Education has 14 donor-based scholarships that award financial support to students each year.

How are scholarships funded?

Donor Based Scholarships are funded by donors who establish a gift agreement with Fordham University Graduate School of Education.

The scholarship award funds are generated in two ways:

- Awards are made from interest on endowed gifts. This means that the amount available to grant awards varies each year depending on the strength of the market.
- Alumni & Supporter donations made to GSE scholarship funds allow a certain number of scholarships to be awarded to students each year. Funds donated are spent down each year.

Who reviews the GSE donor-based scholarships?

The GSE Scholarship Committee which consists of GSE faculty and staff reviews ALL Donor Based Scholarship applications. The committee selects the strongest candidates from the pool of applicants based on the scholarship criteria.

If students receive other forms of GSE financial support, can students apply for a donor-based scholarship?

Students receiving other forms of GSE financial aid, such as graduate assistantships, merit/need-based scholarships, grant funding, or discounted tuition waivers, may apply for a GSE donor-based scholarship.

Can a student apply for more than one donor-based scholarship?

Students may apply to more than one donor-based scholarship if a student feels that they meet the specific criteria for the various scholarships that are available during a semester application cycle.

When can students apply for GSE donor-based scholarship opportunities?

The GSE Financial Aid Office will notify students on a per-semester basis when donor-based scholarship applications become available for students to apply.

What is the timeline for GSE donor-based scholarship applications?

Current Year: AY 2022-2023

- Fall semester: applications available by early October for **spring awards**.
- Spring semester: applications will be available by mid-February for **summer awards**.

Next Year: AY 2023-2024

- Summer semester: applications will be available by mid-July for **fall awards**.

- Fall semester: applications available by early October for **Spring awards**.