

BARRY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



DR. NETA KOLASA SCHOLARSHIP



DR. NETA KOLASA was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan but has made South Florida her home since the 1970's. An esteemed Alum of Barry University School of Social Work (MSW, '75), Dr. Kolasa went on to earn a Doctorate in Psychology from Nova Southeastern University but has always remained closely connected with Barry University. Married to her childhood sweetheart John Kolasa, who died in 1995, Neta Kolasa and her husband created a life together that exemplified the Adrian Dominican mission and the mission of Barry University. John Kolasa was a dedicated member of the Barry Board of Trustees, chair of the finance committee and member of the Barry executive, investment, and audits committees. Following John Kolasa's death, Neta Kolasa agreed to maintain her husband's seat on Barry's Board of Trustees. Since 1996 she has been an active and committed member of the Board and a valuable member of the Barry community. Through the philanthropy and skillful management of the Kolasa Trust and Foundation, Dr. Kolasa continues to give back and honor the memory of her husband. Neta

Kolasa is a woman of extraordinary talent, commitment, and generosity. Steadfast in her faith, she is an inspired artist, a dedicated life long learner, and an outstanding model of integrity and professionalism to the future generations of social workers.

Purpose of Scholarship:

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding **MSW students** who demonstrate dedication, commitment, and professionalism in practicing the values and skills of professional social work. Students with a particular commitment to professional "best practices" that promote social justice are encouraged to apply. Specifically applicants are encouraged to speak to the important integration of the social, political, and economic context in their direct practice work with individuals, families, groups, communities and organizations. A onetime award in the amount of \$2,000.00 will be awarded to the selected recipient(s). *A total of three scholarships will be awarded in the spring 2010 semester.*

Scholarship Conditions:

Masters students enrolled in the Barry University School of Social Work are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by the School of Social Work Scholarship Awards Committee. Recipients awarded the Kolasa Scholarship will receive a onetime award in the amount of \$2,000.00. The recipient(s) of this award must hold a 3.5 cumulative GPA at the time of admission to the Barry University School of Social Work or hold a 3.5 cumulative GPA for courses taken within the MSW program at Barry University School of Social Work.

Application Process:

To apply for the Kolasa Scholarship, students must submit an official copy of their most recent student transcript from Barry University or previous academic institution. Applicants must also submit two letters of recommendation. It is recommended that one of these letters of reference be provided by a person familiar with the student's academic performance and capabilities, and one of these letters of recommendation be provided by a person familiar with the student's professional and/or community experience, dedication and skill. In addition, students are asked to submit a personal statement letter (no more than 5 pages double-spaced) indicating their interest in being considered for this scholarship and why they believe they possess the qualities and interests that reflect the intent of the scholarship.

Award Stipulations:

Students awarded the Kolasa Scholarship will be recognized as recipients during the School's annual Alumni Professional Conference on **March 19, 2010**. The recipient is required to write two thank you letters to the donor. The first letter will be written to the donor upon receipt of the award and the second letter is to be written upon successful completion of the Social Work program.

Deadline:

Applications for the Kolasa Scholarship must be submitted **no later than January 15, 2010**.

Scholarship funds will be awarded to three recipients in the spring 2010 semester.

Please submit the above required application materials to:

Scholarship Awards Committee

C/O: Ms. Connie Johnson

School of Social Work

Barry University,

Powers Hall #113

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