

## **Violence Against Women & Children Verizon Wireless Scholarships**

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Through its Center on Violence against Women and Children (VAWC), the Rutgers School of Social Work is pleased to offer three Verizon Wireless Scholarships to address the critical need for preparing social work professionals to work as executives or advocates working in domestic violence or sexual assault organizations nationwide.

Students who are committed to working on issues of violence against women and children are eligible to apply for this \$1500 VAWC scholarship to support their graduate work. Students must be preparing to graduate in May, 2009. Three scholarships will be awarded for the 2008-2009 academic year.

#### **Requirements:**

Students selected as VAWC Verizon Wireless Scholars must complete the following requirements during the 2008-2009 academic year:

- **Complete the following required VAWC coursework (12 credits)**
  - 4) Family Violence (advanced HBSE)
  - 5) 2 electives related to violence against women and children, as approved by VAWC staff (Women's Issues, Childhood Sexual Abuse, or other offerings from other departments, approved by VAWC staff)
  - 6) Issues in Social Policy with Children and Families (advanced policy). The course paper must focus on violence against women and children
- **Fieldwork** must be at a VAWC related placement that focuses on key areas related to violence against women and children, including prevention, practice, and policy
- **Participation in a Research Project** with one of the projects currently underway at VAWC. Participation requires an average of 2-3 hours per week.
- **Presentation** of one paper at end of the year colloquium

#### **Application:**

Students interested in applying for the VAWC Verizon Wireless Scholarships must include the following materials:

- A cover letter
- A personal statement describing your commitment to working in the field of violence against women and your interest in becoming a VAWC Verizon Wireless Scholar.
- A CV or resume detailing your prior work or volunteer experiences.
- Contact information for two references from academic, personal or professional sources

- Official transcript of all undergraduate and graduate work to date.

The cover letter, personal statement, cv and reference information should be submitted electronically to Dr. Sarah McMahon, Associate Director, VAWC at [smcmahon@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:smcmahon@rci.rutgers.edu). The official transcript can be dropped off or mailed to Dr. McMahon at the School of Social Work, 536 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

All materials must be received no later than 5pm, **Friday, February 8, 2008**.

The selection process will be conducted by staff members of VAWC, along with members of the VAWC Verizon Wireless Scholarship Consortium. Students will be contacted in March if they are selected for a final round of interviews. Final notification of selected students will be in April, 2008. Recipients of the award will automatically be enrolled in the Violence Against Women & Children certificate program and the notation will appear on your final transcripts.