

Physical Therapy Department Scholarships

The following information describes the criteria, awards, and how to apply for the Physical Therapy Scholarships offered each year. Only currently enrolled Sac State DPT students are eligible to apply for these scholarships and all applicant's general information will be deidentified before recipients are independently selected by the PT Scholarship Committee. *Please note that students should not include any identifying information in their written responses or on uploaded attachments (i.e. unofficial transcripts).* Applications will only be accepted through [AcademicWorks Scholarship Management System](#).

Sutter Physical Therapy Scholarship

- Amount: Varies
- Number of scholarships to be awarded: 3
- Criteria:
 1. Graduate students eligible for licensure (2nd year students only)
 2. Good academic standing
 3. Financial need is required and must be verified through the financial aid office
 4. Full-time enrollment
- How to apply: Submit essay in a MS Word document that is no more than one page in length (12pt font, 1.5 spacing) that shows how you have personally overcome one of the following obstacles and challenges in pursuit of your PT degree:
 1. Low income: Overcoming a disadvantaged economic background
 2. First generation: First in a family to attend college
 3. Environmental Background: Challenges such as immigrant, single-parent families, etc.
 4. Becoming bilingually fluent: speaking or writing fluently with native speakers in a language other than English
 5. Veteran's status

Jancis K. Dennis Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to support physical therapy students in their pursuit of becoming highly competent practitioners, particularly students with a stated interest in and demonstrated competence in the care of individuals with neurological problems.

- Amount: Varies
- Number of scholarships to be awarded: 1
- Criteria:
 1. 2nd or 3rd year student (including internships)
 2. Top 25% of students in all neurological coursework
 3. Be in good academic standing
 4. Be interested in a neurological rehabilitation as demonstrated by appropriate activities and written statements
 5. Have demonstrated good clinical decision-making skills
 6. Financial aid *may* be a consideration
 7. Full time enrollment

- How to Apply: Submit essay in a MS Word document that is no more than one page in length (12pt font, 1.5 spacing) that includes:
 1. Grades in Neurology Courses (PT614, PT624, PT644)
 2. Your interest in neurological rehab
 3. Optional: Your financial need

Bob Larson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to support students changing or enhancing their current career path.

- Amount: \$2,000
- Number of scholarships to be awarded: 1
- Criteria:
 1. 2nd or 3rd year student (including internships)
 2. Students that were out of college for 5 or more year before enrolling in the Sacramento State PT Program
 3. Minimum GPA 3.0
 4. Demonstration of financial aid *may* be considered
 5. Full-time enrollment
- How to Apply: Submit essay in a MS Word document that is no more than one page in length (12pt font, 1.5 spacing) that describes:
 1. Your motivation for becoming a PT
 2. Career aspirations
 3. Answer the following question: “What in your life experience has led you to think that physical therapy is the right professional career choice for you?”

Susan Young McGinty Scholarship

This scholarship was created in honor of Dr. Susan McGinty, who was Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy from 1996 to 2012. The scholarship is intended to support students in the Department of Physical Therapy.

- Amount: \$5,000
- Number of scholarships to be awarded: 3
 1. One for first-year students after first semester
 2. One for second-year students
 3. One for third-year students
- Applicants may receive this scholarship more than once over the course of the program.
- Criteria:
 1. Be in good academic standing
 2. Financial need is required
 3. Full-time enrollment
- How to Apply: Submit essay in a MS Word document that is no more than one page in length (12pt font, 1.5 spacing) that describes how you have personally overcome obstacle and challenges working towards your DPT in one or more of the following areas:

1. Becoming bilingually fluent: speaking or writing fluently with native speakers in a language other than English
2. Overcoming a disadvantaged economic background: low income by indications such as welfare status, parent's occupation, near or below the federally defined poverty level, children working to support the family, eligibility for free lunch programs; eligibility for food stamps.
3. Overcoming a disadvantaged educational background: disadvantaged in education such as parental family has no education beyond elementary or secondary school level, low socioeconomic level of school population, high school in lowest quartile in statewide academic testing (API).
4. Overcoming a disadvantaged environmental background: environmental challenges such as immigrant family, single-parent household, homelessness, or growing up in a rural community, residence on a Rancheria or reservation, migrant camp, or home in which English was not the primary language

Doctor of Physical Therapy Scholarship

This scholarship was created by Department of Physical Therapy in 2019. The scholarship is intended to support students in the Department of Physical Therapy during clinical affiliations that require relocation.

- Amount: Varies
- Number of scholarships to be awarded: 1
- Criteria:
 1. 2nd or 3rd year student
 2. Must be enrolled or eligible to enroll in a DPT Clinical Course (PT 695A, PT 695B, PT 695C), in which the clinical affiliation site requires relocation.
 3. Be in good academic standing
 4. Financial need is required
 5. Full-time enrollment
- How to Apply: Submit a one-page (12pt font, 1.5 spacing) justification letter in MS Word format, that includes the following:
 1. Location of the out-of-the-area clinical rotation
 2. Inclusive dates
 3. Anticipated expenses (rent, etc...)
 4. Any other extenuating circumstances that the applicant would like the committee to consider

Terrapin Physical Therapy Scholarship

This scholarship honors the Pazzaglia family (Tony and Heidi Pazzaglia). Tony is a 1997 alumnus of the Physical Therapy program and has remained involved with the program since graduation. The scholarship is intended to support students in the Department of Physical Therapy department.

- Amount: \$1,000
- Number of scholarships to be awarded: 1
- Applicants may receive this scholarship a maximum of two times over the course of the program.
- Criteria:
 1. 2nd or 3rd year student
 2. Must have received an “A” in one of the following courses: PT 625, PT 645, or PT 665.
 3. Be in good academic standing
 4. Financial need *may* be a consideration.
 5. Full-time enrollment
- How to Apply: Submit an essay, no longer than one page (12pt font, 1.5 spacing), regarding how orthopedic physical therapy can create a happy, healthier society, and transcripts showing grades for PT 625, PT 645, and/or PT 665.

Mildred “Millie” Kahane Doctor of Physical Therapy Scholarship

Mildred “Millie” Kahane began her nursing career in 1946 in New York with the aid of a scholarship. In the late 1960’s she was an assistant professor in nursing at Sacramento State & continued her life-long interest in supporting education, health & scholarships. NOTE: Student recipients are eligible to reapply for the scholarship award and be considered as a part of the applicant pool.

- Amount: Varies
- Number of scholarships to be awarded: 2
- Criteria:
 1. Major in Physical Therapy
 2. Eligible class levels: Doctoral students
 3. Minimum GPA of 3.0
 4. Financial need preferred but not required
 5. Full-time enrollment required
 6. Preference for students with an interest in working with older adults and/or fall prevention.
 7. Renewable – Students may receive the scholarship up to three years to complete the degree program. Renewing students must remain eligible as defined by the criteria.
- How to Apply: Applicants must submit a brief statement, no more than one page, (12pt font, 1.5 spacing), describing your interest in working with older adults and/or fall prevention.