



AURORA UNIVERSITY



YMCA

We build strong kids,  
strong families, strong communities.

### SOLON B. COUSINS SCHOLARSHIP at AURORA UNIVERSITY

The University is proud to support the enrollment of current and future YMCA professionals into higher education. Through the Solon B. Cousins Scholarship, we offer financial assistance to outstanding qualified students who want to complete a degree and receive YMCA senior director and other management certifications.

Undergraduate students who select the YMCA Supplemental Major can qualify for scholarships of up to \$1,000 each year for four years.

#### **APPLICANTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP MUST:**

1. Have an existing affiliation with any YMCA organization and exemplify the character values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.
2. Plan to continue or pursue a YMCA career upon graduation.
3. Enroll each semester in a minimum of twelve semester hours of coursework toward a major course of study at Aurora University/George Williams College. It is acknowledged that coursework taken during any summer session is not included or covered by this scholarship award.
4. Maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Be able to articulate financial need.
6. Complete and submit to the Aurora University Financial Aid Office, by April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year of enrollment, confirmation of filing a Federal Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA).
7. Submit a current letter of recommendation from a current YMCA Executive Director or a Y's Men Club president.
8. Provide written verification of having completed 50 hours of volunteer services at a YMCA organization/agency by July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year the scholarship is received.
9. Participate in one YMCA campus activity/event each year the scholarship is received.
10. Complete one advisement session each year of enrollment with the YMCA program advisor.

Recommendation Forms are available from:

The Aurora University Financial Aid Office or Contact:

Jennifer Buckley  
School of Health and Physical Education  
347 South Gladstone Avenue  
Aurora, Illinois 60506  
630-844- 6155  
[jbuckley@aurora.edu](mailto:jbuckley@aurora.edu)



What is your relationship with this YMCA:

Member    Volunteer    Staff    Family Member employed by Y    Other

I am interested in pursuing the Solon B. Cousins Scholarship. I understand that I must renew my request for the scholarship each year by:

- meeting coursework completion requirements and maintaining a GPA of 2.0
- submitting my annual letter of recommendation from a YMCA Executive Director or a Y's Men Club president,
- completing and submitting written verification of 50 hours of volunteer work at a YMCA organization each year, and
- attending at least one on-campus YMCA event/activity at Aurora University.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_