Daemen University was recently awarded funding from the Patrick P. Lee Foundation to provide annual scholarships of $10,000 to five (5) MSW Program students interested in clinical social work practice.

To be considered, students must enroll in the two-year MSW Program and complete a brief, 1-3 page essay that:

1. Identifies that they currently live and/or work in the eight (8) county region of Western New York (i.e., Alleghany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming)
2. Addresses each of the following items:
   A. What are your goals as a clinical social worker?
   B. How do you envision using your training to help individuals with mental health diagnoses?
   C. Describe the population(s) you intend to serve.
   D. Identify setting(s) you envision yourself working in post-graduation.
   E. Discuss how securing this scholarship will help you realize your goals.
3. Demonstrates financial need based on personal circumstances and/or education-related expenses; and
4. Discusses a commitment to stay in the WNY region and contribute to the mental health workforce for at least five (5) years post-graduation.

Students who secure the scholarship must maintain a Grade Point Average of 3.5 or higher during their time in the Daemen University MSW Program.

Early application is encouraged.

Please email your response to MSW Program Director, Diane R. Bessel (dbessel@daemen.edu), with the subject: Daemen MSW Program Clinical Practice Scholarship.