Sojourner Truth Fellowship Guidelines

The Sojourner Truth Fellowship is designed to increase the diversity of New Paltz’s graduate student population. It may be available on a competitive basis to eligible U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Eligibility: (Applicants must meet the following criteria)

- Have a 3.0 undergraduate GPA to initially qualify
- Be matriculated in a graduate program at SUNY New Paltz
- Be enrolled for full-time study (12 graduate credits each semester)
- Be a US citizen or Permanent Resident
- Be in pursuit of an initial master’s degree (second degree candidates are not eligible for funding)
- Adequately meet the diversity criteria set forth in the essay question below

Awards:
Students who are awarded a Sojourner Truth Fellowship will receive a stipend that may be applied towards their tuition and expenses.

- It is the student’s responsibility to sign all registration/student account invoices and pay all college fees
- The stipend amount is awarded on a term basis
- Students must maintain a 3.0 graduate GPA in order to be considered for future funding

How to Apply:
1. Complete a Sojourner Truth Fellowship application form
2. Write a supplemental essay with your application that addresses how any of the following criteria apply to you:
   - a history of overcoming disadvantage
   - first-generation college student
   - raised in a single-parent household
   - member of an underrepresented minority group (American Indian or Alaskan native, Black/African American, Mexican American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Puerto Rican, Other Hispanic)
3. Send your Sojourner Truth Fellowship application packet to:
   Carlos Aponte
   Graduate School, HAB 804
   SUNY New Paltz
   1 Hawk Drive
   New Paltz, New York 12561

Application Deadlines:
- Fall Semester - August 1
- Spring Semester - December 1

Spring funding is limited; please contact The Graduate School before applying.
All Awards are competitive. For more information, applicants should contact Carlos Aponte at apontec@newpaltz.edu
Sojourner Truth Fellowship Application Form

☐ Initial Application  ☐ Continuing Support
(No Essay Required)

New Paltz ID: ___________________________   Email: ___________________________

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________   Cell Phone: ___________________________

Graduate Program: ___________________________________________________________________

Term GPA: ___________________________   Cumulative GPA: ___________________________

Anticipated Graduation?

_________________________ Semester ________________ Year

Did you participate in EOP, SEEK or HEOP as an undergraduate student?

_________________________ Yes ________________ No

If yes, are you currently receiving a GOPW tuition waiver?

_________________________ Yes ________________ No

Are you currently a Teaching Assistant or Graduate Assistant?

_________________________ Yes ________________ No

If yes, is your appointment half time or full time?

_________________________ Half Time ________________ Full Time

Are you currently receiving any other types of funding awards

_________________________ Yes ________________ No

If yes, what are they?

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