



**The Polly Shaw Scholarship
2015-2016 Academic Year
Deadline Date: Friday, November 6, 2015**

Name: _____ Banner ID: _____

Cell Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____ Major: _____

Scholarship Detail:

The Polly Shaw Scholarship is funded by President Katherine-Conway Turner. Two scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded to students at Buffalo State College. The Polly Shaw scholarship is **renewable for 4 years (contingent upon donor funding)** provided the recipient earns a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Katherine S. Conway-Turner, Ph.D., was confirmed as the ninth president of Buffalo State College by the SUNY Board of Trustees on June 16, 2014. She is a lifelong learner, educator, scholar, author, and humanitarian. During her 31-year career, she has served in a variety of leadership and administrative positions as well as held the rank of professor of psychology at five universities.

Most recently, Dr. Conway-Turner was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, from July 2010 until July 2014. From 2004 to 2009, she was provost and vice president for academic affairs at SUNY Geneseo. Dr. Conway-Turner was the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Georgia Southern University and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Delaware, where she also served as director of the women's studies program and graduate program coordinator. She was an American Council on Education (ACE) fellow at the College of New Jersey and she has held teaching positions at Santa Clara University and California State University, Long Beach.

In addition to her administrative responsibilities, teaching, and research, Dr. Conway-Turner regularly travels to Haiti to perform humanitarian work as a member of H.O.P.E., a nonprofit, volunteer organization based in Rochester, New York. Through this organization, she and her colleagues assist the people of Borgne, Haiti, in achieving equitable, just, and sustainable living conditions.

Dr. Conway-Turner received her Ph.D. and M.A. in psychology and her B.A. in microbiology, all from the University of Kansas. As a first-generation college student, she embraces the transformative power of education. She has experienced firsthand the potential of schools like Buffalo State, and she views the college as a special place that does incredible work to move its students forward. In short, Buffalo State transforms lives.

Dr. Conway-Turner is married to Dr. Alvin L. Turner, a psychologist licensed in New York and Delaware engaged in the independent practice of psychotherapy, supervision, training, and forensic psychological services. They have three daughters, Shana, Anya, and Jameela.



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To be eligible for the Polly Shaw scholarship, candidates must:

1. be accepted at Buffalo State College
2. be a first generation student (neither parent completed college with a degree)
3. preference may be given to female students
4. have a [2015-16 FAFSA](#) on file and demonstrate financial need as defined by the Financial Aid Office
5. submit an essay explaining what it means to be the first in your family to attend college and describe how you will succeed in earning your bachelor's degree.

Essay:

- Please complete your typed essay on a separate sheet and include your name and Banner ID
- Use a legible font (such as Arial, Times New Roman, or Calibri), 12pt., double space
- No more than 500 words

Applicant's Certification:

- By signing below, I certify that I am a first generation college student; neither one of my parents earned a college degree.
- I give the selection committee permission to review my academic transcript and financial aid application.
- If selected, I understand that I am required to submit a letter of acknowledgment (thank you note) before the scholarship will be disbursed.
- If selected, I further understand that the scholarship will be deposited directly to my student account to be used toward my direct costs.

Signature _____

Date _____