



## What is the Brehler Scholars Award?

The Elizabeth N. Brehler Scholars Program, established in 1991 by Richard Brehler in memory of his wife, began as an annual manuscript competition that allowed undergraduate and graduate students to produce a scholarly work. In 2020, the Brehler Program was reimagined to support the dissemination of social work research and the publication of scholarly works by Wayne State School of Social Work Ph.D. students.

## What publications qualify?

- Professional pieces of writing by a WSU Social Work Ph.D. student that meet the high-quality standard for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Pieces submitted must have been written within the last year.
- Students can submit one piece per submission cycle. Students can re-submit their piece in subsequent years if not selected, however the Brehler Review Committee strongly encourages students to work with their faculty advisor on revising the paper prior to resubmission.
- In the spirit of Elizabeth N. Brehler articles should reflect one of the following themes:
  - The social work urban mission, ethics, values and understanding of personal bias in social work research, social work practice, or social work teaching;
  - Teaching pedagogy as it relates to engaging issues of social justice and the transformation of bias in social work research, social work teaching, and social work practice;
  - Utilizing community engaged research methods that reflect self-awareness, personal reflection, and cultural humility in developing research questions, methods and implications.

## What is the award?

\$1,500 to be given annually to the Ph.D. student with the strongest scholarly paper/article. Recipients of the Elizabeth N. Brehler Endowed Scholars Program award may be eligible for an additional award of \$3,000 if they submit and achieve publication of their scholarly paper/article in a peer-reviewed professional journal.

The committee, comprised of the Dean and the Doctoral Steering Committee, will read, review, and score submitted papers, and then select the paper that meets the requirements outlined within the scholars program/ journal. Those published papers/articles will officially note the Elizabeth N. Brehler Endowed Scholars Program in its acknowledgments.

## How do I apply?

Submit your piece for review and a statement no longer than 500 words describing which theme which applies to your submission via our [online form](https://bit.ly/3uQ2HIE) (<https://bit.ly/3uQ2HIE>) **by no later than October 31, 2021**. The 2021 award recipient will be announced by December 31, 2021.

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