The Dr. Patricia Luoto - John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition (JSI) Scholarship was established in honor of the Institute's 25th anniversary and its distinguished former director, Dr. Pat Luoto. JSI is a partnership of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office for Food and Nutrition Programs and the Framingham State University's (FSU) Department of Food and Nutrition.

# What is the amount of the scholarship?

One scholarship will be awarded for both spring and fall semesters. The scholarship will cover the tuition of one course. Monies that provide educational assistance paid to students to aid in the pursuit of their studies qualify as taxable educational expenses. The recipient of this scholarship must submit a 1099 form to the FSU Business Office.

# Who is this scholarship for?

The scholarship is available to school nutrition professionals working in public school nutrition programs in Massachusetts who are enrolled in either the Certificate in Excellence in School Nutrition Program or the Master's in Nutrition Education in the Nutrition Education Specialist program.

# Qualifications

* Minimum of 3 years employment in a Massachusetts public school nutrition program.
* Enrolled in either the Certificate in Excellence in School Nutrition OR Master's in Education with a concentration of Nutrition Education Specialist at FSU.
* Completion of at least one course in the program with a grade of B or better.
* Students enrolled in one-credit graduate courses are not eligible.
* If a student is receiving tuition support from their school district or outside organization, they are not eligible to apply in the semester they receive this support.

# To Apply

To apply for this scholarship:

1. Complete the scholarship application.
2. Write a *letter of application* describing your career in school nutrition, how the courses in the program will enhance your career progression in school nutrition, and why this scholarship is important to you.
3. Submit a copy of your completed courses and grades. This can be obtained from your DegreeWorks page. Click print at the top of the screen and save as a pdf.
4. Request two letters of recommendation. The recommendation letters must be on organizational letterhead and submitted via email to [johnstalker@framingham.edu](mailto:johnstalker@framingham.edu).
   1. One letter must be from your supervisor.
   2. The other letter must be from a professor who has taught a class you have completed in your program at FSU.

# Deadlines for Application

Deadline for submission of all application materials:

* June 1st for fall semester courses
* November 1st for spring semester courses

# Selection Committee

The selection committee is composed of the Director or Faculty Liaison of The John C. Stalker Institute, Food and Nutrition, a faculty member at FSU, and a staff member at JSI. Anyone who donates to the Scholarship cannot be appointed to the selection committee.

**Scholarship Requirements**

Recipients of the Dr. Patricia Luoto – John C. Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition Scholarship are expected to 1.) send a thank you letter directly to Dr. Luoto ([pluoto@framingham.edu](mailto:pluoto@framingham.edu)) and cc Catherine Wickham ([cwickham@framingham.edu](mailto:cwickham@framingham.edu)) and those included in the scholarship award notification email, 2.) submit a 1099 form to the FSU Business Office. Once the email is received the funds will be released to the recipient’s student account.

Please email this completed application along with your letter of application, and unofficial transcript from FSU DegreeWorks to [johnstalker@framingham.edu](mailto:johnstalker@framingham.edu). Please inform those submitting references to email [johnstalker@framingham.edu](mailto:johnstalker@framingham.edu) and include “recommendation” in the subject line.

# Please highlight the program in which you are enrolled.

Certificate in Excellence in School Nutrition Program

Master's in Nutrition Education with a concentration of Nutrition Education Specialist

# Are you currently receiving tuition support from your school district or outside organization? Please highlight your answer.

Yes

No

# APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Home Phone:

Home Address:   

City/Town:

State:

Zip:

# EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

School:

Address:

City/Town:

Zip:

Phone:

Work Email:

Current position and title:

List the month and year you started in this position:

Previous position, title, and dates:

**REFERENCE INFORMATION**

Please include the name and contact information for your references.

Faculty Reference Name:

Faculty Reference Email:

Faculty Reference Phone:

Supervisor Reference Name:

Supervisor Reference Email:

Supervisor Reference Phone: