



University at Buffalo

Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership

School of Management

CEL Core Scholarships 2024/25

The Jim and Sue Genthner Social Sector Scholarship: Jim has a long history with CEL, first as a member of the CEL Core Class of 2009, and then as a mentor and reactor in the program. Jim has dedicated numerous hours in sharing his time and talent with many other CEL companies and the CEL Alumni Association. Sue is a retired art teacher from the Hilton Central School District and is dedicated to supporting art education and the non-profit sector. Together, they have a passion for supporting entrepreneurship with a special interest in embedding the skills and practices of entrepreneurship into the non-profit and social sectors in an effort to help these important organizations learn skills that will enable long-term sustainability.

Amount: \$2,000 (one recipient per year)

Eligibility: Leader of a non-profit or social sector organization

Application Deadline: June 15, 2024

The Fred Saia Small Business Scholarship: As one of the first graduates of the Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (CEL), Fred Saia (Core 1988) has created an endowed fund to be used for the purpose of helping to defray costs associated with participation in the Core program. In the years following establishment of the endowment, multiple CEL Alumni have contributed to the fund in order to multiply the impact of the original endowment.

Amount: \$3,000 (one recipient per year)

Eligibility: Entrepreneur leading a for-profit company with revenue between \$300,000 and \$3,000,000 annually. Preference will be given to companies judged to have significant growth potential to add jobs in WNY.

Application Deadline: June 15, 2024

The Gary Pools and Leisure Core Program Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000 (one recipient per year)

Eligibility: Entrepreneur in a for-profit, WNY company

Preference given to entrepreneurs in a family business, especially multi-generation family businesses.

Application Deadline: June 15, 2024

The CEL Advisory Board Core Scholarship for Emerging Entrepreneur Program Graduates: CEL's Advisory Board consists of CEL alumni and outside business leaders who believe in advancing entrepreneurial skills in Western New York. Through their generous support of time, talent, and treasure, they help CEL advance its mission *to unlock human potential, create jobs, inspire wealth and invigorate the greater Western New York economy and community through entrepreneurial development*. The Board wishes to advance and support past participants in the M&T Bank Emerging Entrepreneurs Program (previously Allstate) whose businesses have grown to the level where additional CEL involvement through the Core Program will enhance their growth and help create jobs and/or community impact.

Amount: \$4,000 (number of recipients varies per year)

Eligibility: Alumni of CEL's Allstate or M&T Bank Emerging Entrepreneurs Program

Application Deadline: June 15, 2024

The CEL Advisory Board Scholarship: CEL's Advisory Board consists of CEL alumni and outside business leaders who believe in advancing entrepreneurial skills in Western New York. Through their generous support of time, talent, and treasure, they help CEL advance its mission *to unlock human potential, create jobs, inspire wealth and invigorate the greater Western New York economy and community through entrepreneurial development*. The Board wishes to encourage the resources of the CEL Core Program to be made available to a diverse range of businesses, including those that might find the full tuition cost of the Core program difficult to manage financially.

Amount: \$3,000 (number of recipients varies per year)

Eligibility: Historically underrepresented entrepreneurs
United States Veterans
Active duty first responders
Entrepreneurs with demonstrated financial need

Application Deadline: June 15, 2024

UB Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (CEL) CORE Program 2024/25 Scholarship Application

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Please note that you must have applied, and been accepted to, the CEL Core Program before submitting your scholarship application. Applications are due by June 15, 2024.

Please complete the following:

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Business Name:

Business website:

Which of the following Scholarships are you applying for? (Please review full scholarship guidelines before choosing)

The Jim and Sue Genthner Social Sector Scholarship

Eligibility: Leader of a non-profit or social sector organization

The Fred Saia Small Business Scholarship

Eligibility: Revenue between \$300,000 & \$3,000,000;

The Gary Pools and Leisure Core Program Scholarship

Eligibility: Entrepreneur in a for-profit, WNY company

The CEL Advisory Board Core Scholarship for EE Graduates

Eligibility: Alumni of CEL's Allstate or M&T Bank Emerging Entrepreneur Program

The CEL Advisory Board Scholarship

Eligibility: Historically Underrepresented entrepreneurs, United States Veterans, Active duty first responders, Entrepreneurs with demonstrated financial need

Please describe why you fit the criteria for the scholarship you selected above:

Why are you interested in CEL's Core program?

How will a scholarship impact your ability to join the Core program?

Please explain how the award of this scholarship will help you give back to the WNY community, the Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, or the School of Management?

When completed, please email to mgt-cel@buffalo.edu.