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## Who was Monya Gellar?

Monya Gellar was a champion for school nutrition for many years. In the 1980's, she worked for the Massachusetts Department of Education as The Nutrition Education and Training Program Coordinator, and was also a school food service director in her earlier years of employment. As a graduate of Framingham State, she developed relationships with Framingham State University, UMASS Amherst and Simmons, encouraging dietetic internships. In addition, she was very involved with the School Food Service Association, both in Massachusetts and nationally. Being a leader in nutrition education curriculum development and supporting training programs for school nutrition employees, Monya was an outstanding individual whose vision for educating, supporting and inspiring school food service professionals, remains timeless. The example that Monya Gellar demonstrated in encouraging continuing education for food service staff is why this scholarship has been named in her honor.

- *Scholarship amounts up to \$500 per member may be awarded annually.*
- *Maximum lifetime award of all scholarships is \$5,000 per member.*
- *Winners will be notified by the Scholarship Committee by June 1*

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Mail Letters of Application to:  
Scholarship Committee  
SNA of Massachusetts  
258 Harvard St. PMB 283  
Brookline, MA 02446  
[www.schoolnutrition.info](http://www.schoolnutrition.info)



*Making the right food choices, together.*

## *Monya Gellar Professional Development Scholarship Application*

For courses, certificate or degree programs which will enhance skills and knowledge related to school food service.

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*Each year, the  
SNA of Massachusetts  
Awards up to  
\$3,500 in  
Scholarships!*

Acceptable courses, certificate and degree programs are those which will enhance skills and knowledge related to school food service. Courses may be taken at (but are not limited to) colleges or universities, conferences, workshops, or online.

**Eligibility Information:**

- ◆ **SNA of Mass member for at least two years**
- ◆ **Must be currently employed in school nutrition**
- ◆ **Completion of this application**
- ◆ **Letter of recommendation from the School Food Service Director, School Principal or Superintendent**
- ◆ **Personal Essay to include::**
  1. **Why have you chosen school nutrition as a career?**
  2. **What do you expect to gain from continuing education**
  3. **Statement of long term goals/plans**
  4. **Other relevant info (volunteering, community, etc)**
- ◆ **Submitted and postmarked between Jan 1 & April 15**

Scholarship amounts will be determined by scholarship committee based on the number of applicants and/or dollar amounts of requests. Partial awards may be made. Winners will be notified by June 1.

Payment will be made directly to the recipient upon receipt of proof of payment to the institution and confirmation of completion of the course(s) with a passing grade or attendance in non graded programs.

Courses are subject to approval by the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship requests can only be used for future courses. Requests for scholarships for courses that have already been taken are not eligible.

SNA Board members may be considered for scholarships only after all member applicants who are not on the board have been considered.

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**Personal Information**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/town \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

SNA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received an SNA of Mass Scholarship in the past?  YES  NO

**Course Information (Attach additional sheets if necessary)**

Course Title \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of course \_\_\_\_\_

Institution where course will be taken \_\_\_\_\_

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**Employment information**

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

