

## 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 (for the year April 16 – April 15).

Maximum lifetime award of all scholarships is **\$5,000 per member**.

Applications are **accepted at any time**. The application review period is April-June. The Scholarship Committee will notify the winner by **June 1**. Funds can be used retroactively

MAIL LETTERS OF APPLICATION TO:  
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
SNA OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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BROOKLINE, MA 02446

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# MONYA GELLAR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

**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 acceptance into degree, course or certificate program.
- 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)

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.

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.

Applications are accepted anytime. The applications will be reviewed April 15 – May 31. The Scholarship Committee will notify winners by June 1. Members may be awarded a maximum of \$500 per year and these funds may be used retroactively for courses already take in the year of application (April 16-April 15) as well as toward future courses with funds being paid upon confirmation of successful completion of the course.

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

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to:**  
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