

Educational Opportunities Serving Boston

Scholarships

Simmons is committed to making higher education more accessible to all and to educating the next generation of leaders. The College generally offers more than \$22 million in scholarships annually, a portion of which is allocated exclusively to Boston Public School graduates. All Boston Public School graduates are considered for the *Boston Scholarship*. Those who meet the criteria are considered by a committee and multiple scholarships are awarded each year. The *Boston Scholarship* is a full tuition scholarship, renewable for the four years of undergraduate study. The *Boston Scholarship* does not include funds for room and board; however, students are considered for financial aid to cover this additional cost. In FY11, Boston Public School graduates received \$99,080 in *Boston Scholarship* awards from Simmons.

Simmons offers aid to Boston Public School graduates in addition to the *Boston Scholarship*. In the last decade the College awarded approximately \$10 million in scholarships and aid to Boston Public School students.

Aid to Boston Public School Teachers

Simmons strives to support superintendents, principals, teachers, and other school leaders in making their schools and classrooms more effective. Simmons faculty provide teachers with interdisciplinary support, training, and leadership through each of the education, social work, nursing, library science, and management programs. Simmons and the Boston Teachers Union created the City's first union-operated public school. The school has a unique organizational model: instead of the traditional principal-leader, it is managed by two co-teacher leaders to encourage a more democratic and creative learning environment. This innovative model is being used by only a handful of other U.S. cities, including Denver, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis. "*This partnership between Simmons and the Boston Public Schools will provide an opportunity for us to make a real difference in the lives of Boston school children and in the future,*" said Simmons College President Helen Drinan during a June 1, 2009 signing ceremony, which included Boston Public School Superintendent Carol R. Johnson and Boston Teachers Union President Richard Stutman.

Tuition Vouchers

For students in Education, Nursing, and Library and Information Science, hands-on training is an integral and essential part of the learning process. Simmons relies on local organizations and professionals to mentor students in a real-life setting. The College offers tuition vouchers to those who supervise Simmons students in their placements as a way to recognize teachers and reciprocate with a professional development opportunity. Tuition vouchers can be used toward tuition costs for a course at Simmons.