PURPOSE: The Robert A. Davis Endowed Scholarship (RAD), is designed for students enrolled in Buffalo State’s Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs Administration’s graduate program. This endowed academic scholarship is named in honor of Robert A. “Bobby” Davis. Bobby was drafted, to serve his country and preserve freedom around the world right after graduating from high school in 1960. He died a decorated American Hero, with valor, in the infamous battle of la Drang; a battle that changed the Vietnam War.

SCOPE: This academic scholarship is designed to offset educational expenses related to tuition, books, and supplies. However, preference will be given to those attending a national conference.

ELIGIBILITY: Applications are open to students who are currently enrolled with at least 6 and no more than 12 credits completed in the Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration Graduate Program at Buffalo State. The applicant must have maintained a 3.5 GPA at the time of application. Also, applications must be received by the application deadline.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applications for the RAD Scholarship will be reviewed by a national committee consisting of HEA alumni who are scholar practitioners, along with Davis family members. It also includes a Chair of the Board and one faculty member as non-voting participants. The successful RAD scholars will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Quality of academic achievement and goals
- Statement of how the scholarship funds will be used
- Participation in volunteer and/or extracurricular activities
- Evidence of service related activities beyond job related accomplishments
- Discussion of your proposed goals for work in the field of Higher Education or Student Affairs

STIPENDS: The Robert A. Davis Scholarship is endowed. The number of awards and the amount of stipends will vary each year based on available funds.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the attached application and submit hard copy with supporting material.

- Robert A. Davis Application
- 1000-word essay of eligibility
- Buffalo State student transcript
- One (1) confidential and professional reference letter (letter of support) from an employer, internship supervisor, etc. The letter of support must discuss the applicant’s service beyond job related responsibilities. The reference letter must be submitted in a signed, sealed envelope with the application packet.

SUBMISSION: Completed applications must be postmarked no later than the application deadline.

Application packets are to be sent directly to:

Dr. Wanda M. Davis, Professor and Chair
Higher Education Administration Department
Buffalo State
1300 Elmwood Ave., 301 Bacon Hall
Buffalo, NY 14222
716/878-6126  daviswm@buffalostate.edu