



MA in Rehabilitation Counseling Program

APPLICATION FOR RSA SCHOLARSHIP

Based on the availability of funding awarded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration, the Rehabilitation Counseling program at California State University San Bernardino is pleased to make competitive awards of scholarships to Rehabilitation Counseling graduate students who are selected each year by program faculty.

In order to compete for an RSA Scholarship, the student must complete the following application and return it to the Rehabilitation Counseling Program by **December 31**. Students who received funding must reapply by **June 1** to be funded for the next academic year. Applications are to be submitted via Dropbox, link will be provided.

Name: _____

SID #: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

CSUSB email: _____

A complete application includes the following: (a) a one to two page response to the four selection criteria listed below, (b) a completed and signed Scholarship Agreement, (c) a signed Certification of Eligibility for Financial Assistance form, (d) documentation of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent resident status per 34 CFR 386.33 (a)(1) & (a)(2), and (e) contact information for someone who the RC Program can contact in the event that we are not able to contact you. The Rehabilitation Counseling faculty may ask to interview you in order to clarify or expand on your responses.

Prioritized selection criteria are:

1. Describe how your background and your personal beliefs and values demonstrate your commitment to a career in rehabilitation counseling and to serving individuals with disabilities.
2. Describe your plans for completing your practicum and internship (plans do not need to be finalized).
Reminder – a minimum of one semester (or equivalent) of internship must be completed at a designated State rehabilitation agency (e.g., CA DOR).
3. Describe your plans for using the \$1,000 professional development monies (some examples are membership dues for professional associations, conference travel/participation, training events).
4. Provide a statement of financial need (either FAFSA report or narrative explanation).

If you need any assistance in understanding or completing this application, you are encouraged to request assistance from the Rehabilitation Counseling Program Coordinator, Dr. Connie McReynolds.



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RSA SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

I, *(name of scholar)*, agree to abide by the stipulations noted below as conditions of receipt of the scholarship for training in the Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling Program at California State University San Bernardino.

My receipt of these scholarship funds is predicated upon the expectation that I will complete a minimum of one quarter (or an equivalent of 300 hours over two semesters) of internship at a designated State rehabilitation agency (e.g., CA DOR). It is also predicated upon the expectation that I maintain or seek employment as a rehabilitation counselor in a State vocational rehabilitation agency or related agency as defined in 34 CFR 386.4 after I graduate or leave the program. Under the terms of the Long-Term Training Program, scholarship funds include all disbursements or credits for student stipends, tuition and fees, and student travel in conjunction with training assignments.

Therefore, as a designated Long-Term Training scholar, I agree to

1. complete a minimum of one semester (or equivalent) of fieldwork at a designated State rehabilitation agency (e.g., CA DOR) as a rehabilitation counselor or related professional

Yes No

Therefore, as a designated Long-Term Training scholar, upon graduating or otherwise leaving the program, I agree to

1. maintain employment as a rehabilitation counselor --

(a) in a State vocational rehabilitation agency or related agency as defined in 34 CFR 386.4;

(b) on a full- or part-time basis; and

(c) for a period of not less than the full-time equivalent of two years for each academic year for which scholarship assistance was received, within a period, beginning after I complete the training for which the scholarship was awarded, of not more than the sum of the number of years required in this paragraph and two additional years;

Yes No

2. repay all or part of any scholarship received, plus interest, if I do not fulfill the requirements of paragraph (1) of this agreement (immediately above), except as the Secretary of Education by regulations may provide for repayment exceptions and deferrals.

Yes No

I also understand that

3. The employment obligation as applied to a part-time scholar will be based on the equivalent total of actual academic years of training received.

Yes No

4. Until I have satisfied the employment obligation described above, I will inform the MA in Rehabilitation Counseling Program at CSUSB of any change of name, address, or employment status and will document employment satisfying the terms of the agreement.

Yes No

5. Subject to the provisions in 34 CFR 386.41 of the Federal regulations, regarding a deferral or exception, if I enter repayment status under 34 CFR 386.43(e), the amount of the scholarship that has not been retired through eligible employment will constitute a debt owed to the United States that --

(a) will be repaid by me, including interest and costs of collection as provided in 34 CFR 386.43; and

(b) may be collected by the Secretary of Education in accordance with 34 CFR Part 30, in the case of a failure to meet the obligation of 34 CFR 386.43.

Yes No

Signature of Scholar

Date

Social Security Number of Scholar

Signature of CSUSB Project Director

Date