

HRSA Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students MSW Award

Social Work

2018-19 Application

(Please type or print)

Name				
	Last	First		Middle
Current Address				
_	Street	City	State	ZIP
Phone				
-	Home	Mobile	Email	
Permanent Addres	SS			
	Street	City	State	ZIP
U.S. Citizen	or Permanent Resident	Student ID7	#	
Name/City/ZIP Co	ode of High School			
	Race/Ethnicity	Date of Birth _		Age
MSW cohort you	are applying to: Full-time tv	wo year Full-	time advanced s	tanding

Scholarship Criteria

Entering full-time two year or full-time advanced standing MSW students are eligible to apply. Only prospective students with completed applications and FASFA reports who have been offered acceptance in the MSW program will be considered for the scholarship. Submit applications for the scholarship *concurrently* with application to the program. Only hard copies of the application will be accepted. Applications must be **complete** and received in the Department of Social Work, MSW Program by:

- January 15, 2018—Full-time MSW advanced standing program
- March 1, 2018—Full-time MSW traditional two-year program

Applications must include a one to two page double-spaced essay on interest and commitment to work in a primary care setting (direct practice site), providing behavioral health in medically underserved communities (MUC). This essay should also include a statement on how this scholarship would impact the student's educational experience and completion of the program.

Applicants must meet the following criteria for consideration and provide evidence as outlined below:

A. Demonstrated Financial Need

Have demonstrated financial need of \$25,000 or more, as determined by FASFA reporting, in accordance to current federal poverty guidelines for family/household size.

B.	Defined Disadvantaged Background			
	Be from a defined disadvantaged background, meeting at least ONE of the following criteria:			
	Check all that apply.			
	Economic Disadvantage: Family income below federal poverty guidelines, as determined			
	by FASFA data. Additional documentation may be requested to verify eligibility. *			
	Educational Disadvantage: Graduation from low performing high school, as determined by			
	California State Department of Education - School Accountability Report Card, or be			
	rated as 3 or below on www.schooldigger.com. Submit copy of high school diploma			
	along with printout of documentation of high school performance rating with application.			
	Environmental Disadvantage: For example, but not limited to: First generation college student as reported on FASFA and verified by the department through Financial Services			
	reporting, history of poverty, illness, single parent status, history of foster care, history of			
	substance dependence and recovery, or other life challenges. Please submit additional			
	narrative (up to one page) describing your environmental disadvantage with your			
	application.			
C	Qualifying Citizenship/Resident Status			
C.	Please verify status as a United States citizen, national, or permanent resident. Please attach a			
	copy of government issued ID.			
D.	Evidence of Dependency Status			
	Please provide copies of Federal Tax Return form 1040 for the past three years. If you are listed			
	as a dependent on someone else's return at any time during the past three years, you must also			
	provide copies of parental family's tax return for past three years.			
Accepte	ed students must sign and agree to the following:			
•	Intern in a behavioral health care primary care setting serving medically underserved			
	communities in years one and two of the MSW program			
•	Report on training received during internship			
•	Participate in faculty/alumni mentorship activities			
•	Report need for and use of department and university support services			
•	Seek employment in medically underserved communities providing behavioral health care in a			
_	primary care setting upon graduation			
•	Provide written statement on impact of SDS award on degree completion and preparation for employment in in a primary care setting providing behavioral health in medically underserved			
	communities (MUC)			
•	Report employment information to the department annually for four years, as requested			
	2. april 1.			
Initial i	ndicates agreement to terms above:			
Awards	s are not to exceed \$25,000 per year over two years. Awards are meant as an incentive to support			
	s from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a passion for delivering integrated behavioral health care			
	ically underserved communities, to attain an MSW degree in preparation of clinical practice. Funds			
will be distributed per semester, and funding is contingent on successful completion of program				
requirements, and on continued federal funding by the Health Resources and Services Administration				
(HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under Scholarships for				
Disadvantaged Students.				

Date

Signature of Applicant

Please send completed and **signed** applications to Martha Ekblad, Wynn 208 Department of Social Work 901 E. Foothill, Azusa, CA 91702

Questions regarding the HRSA application can be sent to mekblad@apu.edu.

Applicants will receive notice of award.

* Low Income Levels Based on the 2017 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia. If new income levels are established for 2018, applicants will be assessed based on those figures.

Persons in family/household	Income level
1	\$24,120
2	32,480
3	40,840
4	49,200
5	57,560
6	65,920
7	74,280
8	82,640

Note: Preference will be given to students for whom the cost of attendance would constitute a severe financial hardship.

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