

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

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.

Accepted 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

Initial indicates agreement to terms above: _____

Awards are not to exceed \$25,000 per year over two years. Awards are meant as an incentive to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a passion for delivering integrated behavioral health care in medically 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.*

Signature of Applicant

Date

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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