



Department of Social Work

HRSA Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students MSW Award

2021-22 Application (Please type or print)

Name, Current Address, Phone, Permanent Address, U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident, APU Student ID#

Name/City/Zip Code of High School

Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Date of Birth, Age (Data required for federal reporting purposes)

MSW cohort: Full-time two year, Full-time advanced standing

Scholarship Criteria

Entering full-time two year or full-time advanced standing MSW students in the Clinical Specialization 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. Email copies of the application and supporting documentation to Martha Ekblad at mekblad@apu.edu. Applications must be complete and received by: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5 p.m.

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 scholarship consideration, and provide evidence as outlined below:

A. Demonstrated Financial Need

Have demonstrated financial need of \$30,000 or more, as indicated on FASFA report.

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 and tax returns. ** Please refer to the chart at the end of this document for federal poverty guidelines. Students can apply under this category if family income is under 2x 2019 federal poverty guidelines.*

_____ **Environmental Disadvantage:** For example, but not limited to: **First generation college student** (verified by the Social Work 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 circumstance. *If applying under this criteria, please submit additional narrative (up to one page) describing your environmental disadvantage(s) with your application.*

_____ **Educational Disadvantage:** Graduation from low performing high school, as determined by California State Department of Education - School Accountability Report Card. (Refer to the Department of Education website.) The student is responsible to research and submit evidence of school's low performance. *Submit copy of high school diploma along with printout of documentation of high school performance rating with application.*

C. Qualifying Citizenship/Resident Status

Please verify status as a United States citizen, national, or permanent resident. *Please attach a copy of passport, birth certificate, naturalization certificate, or permanent resident card.*

D. Tax Returns/Evidence of Dependency Status

Please provide copies of Federal Tax Return form 1040 for the past three years. If you are 24 years old or younger OR 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/guardian family's tax return for the 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 (one year for advanced standing students)
- Report on training received during internship
- Participate in faculty 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 a primary care setting providing behavioral health in medically underserved communities (MUC)
- Report employment information to the department annually for four years, as requested
- Apply for and submit evidence of a National Provider Identification number (NPI)

Initial indicates agreement to terms above: _____

Awards are not to exceed \$30,000 per year (two years for two-year full-time students, and one year for 10-month advanced standing students). 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 each semester after the add/drop deadline, 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 email completed and **signed** application with tax returns and supporting documents to: Martha Ekblad: mekblad@apu.edu. *Deadline to apply is March 1, 2021 at 5 p.m.*

Questions regarding the HRSA application can be sent to Karen Maynard: kmaynard@apu.edu.

Applicants will receive notice of award by email.

*** Economic Disadvantage – 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines**

2019 Low Income Levels (200 percent of HHS Poverty Guidelines)

<u>Size family</u>	<u>48 Contiguous States and D.C.</u>	<u>Alaska</u>	<u>Hawaii</u>
1	\$24,980	\$31,200	\$28,760
2	33,820	42,260	38,920
3	42,660	53,320	49,080
4	51,500	64,380	59,240
5	60,340	75,440	69,400
6	69,180	86,500	79,560
7	78,020	97,560	89,720
8	86,860	108,620	99,880
<i>For each additional person, add</i>	\$8,840	\$11,060	\$10,160

These are the already adjusted numbers. They reflect the 200% of HHS Poverty Guidelines. Adjusted gross income must fall below these numbers.

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

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