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College of Public Affairs & Community Service
DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND ADDICTION REHABILITATION

REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (RSA) LONG-TERM TRAINING PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR REHABILITATION COUNSELING GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Department of Disability and Addiction Rehabilitation, through support from the U.S. Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Administration, has tuition/fee support available for approximately 12 graduate students per year who have been accepted, or are enrolled in, the Rehabilitation Counseling graduate program.

- ★ Scholarship support includes a minimum of \$1000 per course per semester in tuition and fees;
- ★ Scholarships have been designated for students who intend to pursue careers within the State-Federal Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program, or those agencies that serve VR consumers;
- ★ Awards will be based on the applicant's:
 - ✓ membership in a targeted recruitment group, which includes:
 - persons who intend to pursue careers within the State-Federal VR program;
 - persons from underrepresented populations, including individuals with disabilities;
 - ✓ academic standing;
 - ✓ written self-statement; and
 - ✓ personal interview.

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NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT ID #: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

PERSONAL DATA: 1) Citizenship: U.S. _____ Other _____ Specify _____

2) Are you receiving any other education support from a federal, state, local, public or voluntary agency?

Yes _____ No _____ Specify _____

3) *Are you an individual with a disability? Yes _____ No _____

***Response to this item is optional.** It is included on the application form only because a major objective of this project is to increase the recruitment of members of traditionally underrepresented groups into the rehabilitation counseling profession, including individuals with disabilities.

CRITERIA FOR RECEIPT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Federal Regulations governing the award of this financial support are specific and comprehensive. These regulations are presented in the attached document "Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Subtitle B, Chapter III, Part 386: Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-term Training". Applicants for the RSA Scholarship are required to read and understand these regulations prior to completing this scholarship application.
2. The Federal Regulations require a recipient to enter employment in a State Rehabilitation Agency or *an approved* related agency that provides services to individuals with disabilities under an agreement with a State VR agency in the specialty for which the training was designed. It is important to note that the provisions of the RSA-sponsored project within the Department of Disability and Addiction Rehabilitation at the University of North Texas (UNT) are even more specifically focused than the regulations outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Subtitle B, Chapter III, Part 386. The Department of Disability and Addiction Rehabilitation project requires that recipients of scholarship support under its program declare intent to pursue a career within the State/Federal Vocational Rehabilitation program upon completion of the master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling at UNT.
3. To become and/or remain eligible for this competitive scholarship the student must:
 - a. Be enrolled in the master's degree program in Rehabilitation Counseling at the University of North Texas;
 - b. Maintain a GPA of not less than 3.0 in all graduate work in the degree program;
 - c. Complete an internship in rehabilitation counseling with a State Vocational Rehabilitation agency.

4. Appointments are made on a competitive basis for one year. Recipients who successfully meet the criteria for the scholarship will receive priority in the competition for awarding new stipends, but they must reapply each year. Reappointments may be made for a period not to exceed three (3) academic years. A selection committee comprised of the project director, co-project director, and faculty members of the Department of Disability and Addiction Rehabilitation will review applications and make recommendations for appointments and/or reappointment of scholarships.

AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:

I have read the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Subtitle B, Chapter III, Part 386: Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-term Training and understand these regulations. I agree to the provisions contained in this document and in this application regarding my obligations should I be awarded an RSA scholarship.

If I am a recipient of an RSA scholarship from the Department of Disability and Addiction Rehabilitation at the University of North Texas, **I hereby state my intent to pursue a career within the State/Federal Vocational Rehabilitation program upon completion of the master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling at UNT.**

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant (print name)