



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the scholarship amount?

Scholarships are provided for tuition costs of up to \$7,500 per academic semester and \$15,000 per academic year for a total of \$30,000 over two years. Students can be part-time or full-time.

### If I receive other scholarships or financial assistance, may I still apply?

Yes, this scholarship is intended to complement any other scholarship or grant funding.

### What are the eligibility requirements?

- You must be a Tennessee resident seeking a master's degree in a behavioral health profession.
- You must be enrolled or enrolling in an accredited higher education institution in Tennessee.

### What master's degree programs are eligible for the scholarship?

Psychology, social work, forensic social work, clinical mental health counseling, counseling, psychiatric nursing, marriage and family therapy, or a relevant field approved by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS).

### What type of documentation is required for the application process?

- Proof of Tennessee state residency – such as a Tennessee driver's license, U.S. passport, electric or water bill, or other documentation.
- Proof of enrollment at an accredited in-state college or university and an eligible master's degree program.
- You will be asked to sign an attestation on the application form that you plan to remain a Tennessee resident through your education and agency work obligation.



## If selected for a scholarship, what will be required of me?

You must commit to working at a state-funded behavioral health community agency that is a member of the Tennessee Alcohol, Drug, and other Addiction Services or the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations for the same duration of time as the tuition assistance received. For example, a year of scholarship may be considered equivalent to a year of working at the agency. Employment cannot be retroactively applied.

The state-funded community agencies can be found on the [TAADAS](#) and [TAMHO](#) websites.



## May I work while attending school?

Yes, work may be concurrent with your education or after graduation.

## If I'm awarded a scholarship, what happens next?

The scholarship administrators will work with the appropriate personnel at your accredited higher education institution.

## What happens if I cannot finish my school or work requirement?

You will be required to pay the money back.

## If I receive the scholarship in the first year, do I have to reapply for the second year of my education?

Yes, you will have to reapply.



## Will I have to maintain a certain GPA to receive the scholarship?


If you continue to be enrolled in a master's program, that is evidence of sufficient progress towards your degree to be considered for subsequent scholarship funding.

## Who are the scholarship administrators?

The Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug & other Addiction Services (TAADAS) and the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations (TAMHO) in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS).

## Who should I contact for more information?

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