



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much may I receive?

Scholarships are provided for tuition costs of up to \$7,500 per academic semester and up to \$15,000 per academic year for a total of up to \$30,000 over two years. Students can be part-time or full-time. Eligible students may apply for tuition assistance from Spring 2024 through Summer 2025.

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. Recipients may not receive a Tennessee Behavioral Health Pathways Scholarship from both administrators, Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug and other Addiction Services (TAADAS) and Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations (TAMHO).

What information is required to apply?

- A government-issued state ID or U.S. passport.
- Proof of Tennessee residency (i.e., utility bill, lease, etc.).
- Proof of acceptance to an accredited college or university in Tennessee or serving Tennessee students.
- Evidence of enrollment in an eligible behavioral health master's degree program.
- A tuition invoice for the semester(s) for which you're requesting the scholarship.

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

Psychology, social work, counseling, and psychiatric nursing are qualifying areas of study. Bachelor's, post-graduate degrees, and certificate programs do not qualify for the scholarship.

I applied for a scholarship. What's next?

The scholarship administrators will review your application. A TAADAS or TAMHO administrator will contact you if additional information is required. Please be informed that official scholarship award letters are only provided via email from TAMHO or TAADAS. Submitting an application or follow-up documentation does not guarantee an award. If approved, scholarship funds are paid directly to your college or university.

I received a scholarship. What's next?

If you're planning to request scholarship funds for more than one term, remember to submit your class enrollment and tuition invoice when you register each semester. Ongoing scholarship funds are not automatically disbursed to your school. Funds are allocated based on tuition. A scholarship administrator will review your submission and notify you of ongoing approval via email.



How long is the post-graduate employment obligation?

You must commit to working at a TDMHSAS-funded treatment agency that is also a TAADAS or TAMHO member for the same duration of time as the tuition assistance received. Example:

Full-Time Scholarship Award by Semester/Term	Full-Time Employment Commitment Months	Part-Time Employment Commitment Months
1	4	8
2	8	16
3	12	24
4	16	32
*Full-time is defined as 12 credit hours. Less than 12 credit hours per semester are considered part-time.		
Part-Time Scholarship Award by Semester/Term	Full-Time Employment Commitment	Full-Time Employment Commitment
1	2	4
2	4	8
3	6	12
4	8	16



Internship time does not apply toward the post-graduate employment commitment, and previous employment time cannot be retroactively applied. Work must be completed at a qualifying organization post-graduation.

Eligible employers are TDMHSAS-funded treatment agencies and a TAADAS and/or TAMHO member. Qualified employers are listed on their respective websites.



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

The purpose of the Tennessee Behavioral Health Pathways Scholarship is to increase the number of highly qualified mental health professionals working in Tennessee community organizations.

Recipients who do not complete their degree program or employment commitment are required to repay their scholarship.

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

Continued enrollment in your master's program is sufficient evidence of progress towards your degree and subsequent scholarship funding. Recipients are required to provide evidence of enrollment each semester and the corresponding tuition invoice.

How do I contact the scholarship administrators?

The scholarship administrators may be reached at pathways@taadas.org or tamho@tamho.org.

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