



Application for MHSA Human Services Scholarship

Amador Community College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) entity doing business as “Amador College Connect” (ACC) administers Amador County Behavioral Health Department’s “MHSA Human Services Scholarship¹” to support the professional development of eligible residents who want to work in the field of public mental health. MHSA Scholarship funds may be used to cover tuition, fees, and books and other program benefits for eligible students who enroll in Coastline College’s Human Services Certificate program. Scholarship recipients must apply for financial aid through the FAFSA process and, if qualified, use those resources first.

MHSA Scholarship applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Maintain their residence in Amador County
- Provide income documentation supporting an annualized income which is less than the “Very Low Income” threshold pursuant to HUD guidelines. For 2021/22 the upper limit is \$27,300 for a family of one and \$38,950 for a family of four.
- Have a desire to work in the field of public mental health and register for required classes at Coastline Community College with the goal of completing the Human Services Certificate.
- **Priority is given to those who have personal, first-hand experience with mental illness, either as a client or family member of a client.**

Scholarship students who successfully complete the Human Services Certificate may be eligible to apply for additional funding to earn an A.A. degree from Coastline College in an eligible “helping field.”

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Complete and return this complete application, with income documentation, to:

Amador College Connect
1 Prosperity Court
Sutter Creek, California 95685

Or save this fillable form to your computer, and email it, along with optional documentation (such as additional pages), and required documentation, such as income verification (tax form, disability paycheck, current work paycheck, etc.) to info@amadorcollegeconnect.org

¹ The State of California collects tax revenues pursuant to the **Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)** and distributes these revenues statewide to support county mental health programs. Using these funds **Amador County Behavioral Health Department (ACBH)** contracts with local and regional agencies to provide mental health programs and services for the benefit of county residents.

**APPLICATION FOR AMADOR COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
MHSA HUMAN SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP**

Personal information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Establishing Eligibility: Please check ALL that apply.

I am a resident of Amador County.

My income is less than \$27,300 per single person or \$38,950 per family of four.

Please attach documentation of income such as a copy of a pay stub, unemployment check, welfare check, disability check, etc.

Priority is given to those who have personal, first-hand experience with mental illness, either as a client or family member of a client. Please explain briefly your experience as a mental health client or as a family member of a mental health client:

Personal Statement: Please explain why you want to work in the mental health field. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Certification

By signing below I certify that all answers and statements on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that, should this application contain any false or misleading information, my application may be rejected or my scholarship withdrawn.

I agree and acknowledge that my initials below indicate that I agree to meet the following requirements for participation in Amador County Behavioral Health’s MHSA Human Services Scholarship program.

Initials Please read and initial each point to indicate you understand and agree.

_____ I will apply to Coastline College and complete the FERPA waiver of confidentiality to allow Coastline College and Amador College Connect (ACC) to exchange information about my enrollment and grades; I will also provide my Coastline student ID number to the ACC Coordinator.

_____ I will complete the FAFSA/California Promise Fee Waiver application for Financial Aid.

_____ I will complete the Student Success and Support Steps at Coastline which include Orientation, Assessment and a phone appointment with a Coastline counselor.

_____ I will return in good condition and by the due date set by ACC any texts or course materials purchased or rented by ACC.

_____ At the beginning of each semester I will log into MyCCC and for each course in which I am registered I will determine the dates for (i) Tuition Refund Deadline; (ii) the Last Day to Drop Without a “W.” I understand that dropping a class after the tuition refund deadline or receiving a “withdrawal” grade (“W”) will negatively impact my ability to continue in the MHSA Human Services Scholarship program.

_____ I will strive to pass all classes with a grade of “C” or better and will utilize ACC’s free tutoring and/or mentoring if needed. I will also meet with Amador College Connect staff or representatives if I make less than a “C” in any course before I enroll in the next semester. I understand that absent special circumstances, the Scholarship will not cover tuition or other costs for any course that must be repeated.

_____ I will notify ACC as soon as possible if I believe I may need an accommodation due to a disability and I will collaborate with Coastline’s Department of Special Programs to set up my accommodation.

_____ I will provide ACC with proof of my grades for each semester.

_____ I will attend cohort meetings at ACC, typically three per semester, and complete participation surveys and other documents, as requested.

_____ I will abide by all policies and procedures governing the Program’s Internship and stipend opportunities.

_____ Upon completion of the certificate requirements, I will apply for graduation and provide ACC with a copy of my Certificate, and/or A.A., diploma(s).

Further, I understand that my ability to continue in the Program may be limited in the following situations:

_____ I withdraw or drop a class without first consulting with a representative of ACC.

_____ I drop a class after its Refund deadline, receive a “W” or “No Show” grade in a class.

I understand and agree that if I fail to meet the above commitments, my scholarship will be withdrawn for future semesters. MHSA Human Services Scholarship program is funded by the State of California and I understand that program requirements are subject to change from time to time. I also understand that ACC is here to help me succeed and if, at any time, I need assistance meeting the above referenced requirements, I agree to contact ACC immediately.

Printed Name of Student _____

Signature _____ Date _____