

Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (BHSP) Technical Assistance Guide

Department of Health Care Access and Information

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Background and Mission

The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) administers and supports health workforce programs that expand the quality and diversity of health professionals. One avenue in which HCAI provides support is through financial aid, such as scholarships and grants to those seeking training and education in the healthcare workforce.

The Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (BHSP) aims to increase the number of trained behavioral health professionals providing direct care to underserved communities. BHSP provides scholarships to behavioral health students seeking education or training to become behavioral health practitioners through a certificate, associate, bachelor, master and/or doctoral degree program in exchange for a 12-month service obligation practicing and providing direct care in an underserved community. Eligible applicants may receive up to \$35,000. Up to \$25,000 is available for certificate and graduate applicants, and up to \$35,000 is available for undergraduate applicants.



Application Release Dates

Informational Webinar: January 16, 2025

Application release: January 2, 2025

Application deadline: February 13, 2025

Applications open and close at 3:00 pm



Before You Apply

- Applicants must agree to the terms and conditions before receiving funds.
- HCAI will not make changes to the terms and conditions specified in the Grant Agreement.
- Funds shall not supplant existing state or local funds.
- You will need your Cost of Attendance. You will be provided a Cost of Attendance document to download within the body
 of your BHSP application, complete the COA document and then upload the completed version when you reach the end of
 your BHSP application. This is for one year including but not limited to tuition, books, fees, supplies, clinical cost, room and
 board.
- If you work for a Community Based Organization (CBO), you will need to provide an Employment Verification Form. A link will be provided within the body of the BHSP application.
- If you work or volunteer for the State of California, you will need to provide a Conflict-of-Interest Letter, a template is available at the end of the BHSP Application.
- If awarded, you will be required to submit a Scholarship Program Verification (SPV) form by August 1, 2025.



Available Funding

- Total BHSP Funding Available \$16,000,000.00
- Up to \$25,000 is available for certificate and graduate applicants
- Up to \$35,000 is available for undergraduate applicants



Information to Gather

- Name and address of the college or university you are (or will be) attending to complete the Scholarship Program Verification (SPV) Form.
- A quote for the cost of attendance from your college or university for the academic year, to complete the Cost of Attendance Form.
- If you have worked for the State of California, a California college, or a California university, please write a brief 2-3 sentence statement about your service. In the statement, you must include the name of the place you worked and the exact dates of your employment. You must also include a declaration statement explaining if you have a conflict of interest (or not) with the State of California. You will need to upload this document as a "Conflict of Interest Letter".
- If you have previously worked in a Behavioral Health setting you will need the name and address of that place when you are asked for it within the application.
- You must provide the name you use on your legal, government issued documents, to receive a timely payment.



Helpful Resources

- <u>https://hcai.ca.gov/workforce/financial-assistance/scholarships/bhsp/</u>
- 2025-26 BHSP Grant Guide- English
- 2025 BHSP Application



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Creating an Account





Setting up Your Profile



 Depending on your circumstance, check either "Healthcare Professional" or "Student", or both (if appropriate). After checking that box, you will immediately be presented with additional options.

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Completing Your Profile



- 1. Please provide your name as it appears on your government issued documents
- 2. Please provide your date of birth
- 3. Please provide the most current degree you have received, or N/A if not listed in the drop-down menu
- 4. Please provide your Driver's License or State issued ID
- 5. Please answer these gender questions



Completing Your Profile (continued)

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- 1. Please answer the ethnicity question
- 2. Please answer the race question



Completing Your Profile (continued)



1. Please provide either your current address, or the address you will be living at the time you are attending a California school.

2. Please provide a good telephone number in case we need to reach you about an application problem

Email *

Hans.Gruber@email.com

Receive email announcements for new funding opportunities

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2025 Wellness Coach Scholarship Program	12/30/2024 3:00 PM	02/13/2025 5:00 PM	Student

- 1. Now that you have finished your profile, you will be logged in and should see your name at the top of the page. If you do not see your name here, you will not be able to continue with your application.
- 2. Navigate to the "2024 Behavioral Health Scholarship Program" and click the "link"



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The red asterisks indicate which fields require a response before proceeding to the next page.

Tooltips 📀

Throughout the application you may see a blue circle with a question mark at the end of a question, title, or sentence. Click on these icons for additional information.





Helpful Tips (continued)

Navigating the application

Use the "Previous" and "Save & Next" buttons found at the bottom left of each page.



Saving your application

Each time you click "Save & Next" in the application your progress is saved. Navigate to the "Applications-In Progress/Submitted" page to resume your application.

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Starting an Application



General Information



1. Please answer the following questions, many of which are eligibility questions that will help you see if this opportunity is right for you.



General Information (continued)



- 1. If you answer "Yes" to the Scholarship Program Verification question, we will require this form to be completed and uploaded by the required deadline.
- 2. Please answer these questions.
- 3. If you have received a grant from HCAI in the past, please provide your previous Grant ID number.
- 4. This question asks if you have worked for the State of California ***IMPORTANT*** please remember that if you are working for a State University, or a State College, we recommend you write a brief explanation about your work and upload it as a Conflict-of-Interest letter at the end of the application. If the State Controller's Office determines that you have been previously paid by the State, they can delay or stop your payment.



Profile Information

- This is a double-check to see if your profile information is correct before continuing. Please ensure that all the information is accurate.
 - 2. When you are satisfied with how the information is presented choose "Save and Next" at the bottom of the page to continue.



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- 2. When you are done, select "Save and Next" at the bottom of the page to continue.



Educational Information



 Please tell us the name and address of where you went to High School. If you received a GED, please provide your home address at the time you received it. If you graduated from a foreign country, please also put that that address in here.

- 2. Please tell us about any income-based financial aid you might be receiving.
- 3. Please tell us the highest degree you have received so far (even if it is not related to this program).



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- When you click on the "Add a Language" button, this is what you will see. Please choose the additional language from the dropdown.
 - 2. Select "Save" when complete.



Professional Information (continued)



- 1. You do not have to add an additional language if you do not know another language. If you did happen to add a language this is what it will look like.
- 2. Please answer the question about a California Certifying Organization, Board, or Committee. If you have one, a few additional questions will appear.
- 3. Please provide the NPI number (if applicable).
- 4. Answer the question about volunteering or working in an underserved area or with underrepresented groups.
- 5. When you are done, select "Save and Next" at the bottom of the page to continue.



Scholarship Program Verification

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- 1. Please answer the program enrollment question.
- 2. If you are currently applying for more than one HCAI scholarship, please let us know your preference. If you are eligible for more than one award, you can only have one award per year.
- 3. Please tell us more about the school or program you are attending (or will be attending).
- 4. Tell us if you plan on serving children and youth ages 0 to 25 after graduation.



Scholarship Program Verification (continued)

Download and print out the Scholarship Program Verification (SPV) form. The form must be completed and signed by your program director or an appropriate designee. When completed and signed, enter the information exactly as provided in the SPV, in the fields below. If the information does not match the SPV, your application will be considered ineligible.



1. Please answer these questions about your college experience.

(If your grade point average has not been established at this college, please list your most recent grade point average.)

2. Please provide your cost of attendance for the next full enrollment year. **Note:** You will be provided a Cost of Attendance document to download within the body of your BHSP application, complete the COA document and then upload the completed version when you reach the end of your BHSP application.

3. When you are done, select "Save and Next" at the bottom of the page to continue.



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- 2. When you are done with the employment history, select "Save and Next" at the bottom of the page to continue.



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- 1. If you have clicked the "Add an Employer" button, this is what you will see. Please complete all the employer information.
- 2. Select "Save" when complete.



Required Documents



Upload a copy of your most recent unofficial transcript. (A photographic copy is acceptable). A copy of your "unofficial" transcript is acceptable. A high school transcript is acceptable if a college transcript is not available.

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Conflict of Interest Letter

Filename must start with Conflict_ to be accepted, Example: Conflict_MyDocument

Upload a letter that indicates that you do not or your current or former state of California employer does not have a conflict of interest with the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI). See letter templates.



Service Requirement Deferment Letter

Filename must start with SDefer_ to be accepted, Example: SDefer_MyDocument

Upload a letter that states you plan on continuing your education and you need a deferment for service obligation. See Letter template Service Requirement Deferment Upload 0 files uploaded, 1 file required.

Please make sure to upload all the required documents in order to submit.



- 1. Please upload all the documents that are required based on the answers you have provided in your application. Any time you see red, that means that a document is still missing.
- 2. Please use the proper prefix when you name the document you are trying to upload. We provide guidance in the explanation for each category.



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- 1. After you have successfully uploaded your documents, you will see that the categories have changed from Red to Green.
- 2. If you want to remove a document and upload something else, you can click the dropdown arrow and you will be offered the option to delete that specific document.
- 3. When you are done with the required documents, select "Save and Next" at the bottom of the page to continue.



Application Certification

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submitted as part of this application. I understand that the faisification of information contained in my application will disqualify my application. I understand that if faisification is discovered after 1 have been awarded or if I breach my grant agreement. I will be required to repay all funds awarded, plus interest and administrative fees. Funderstand that once submitted, my application and supporting documents become the property of HCAI.

I understand that, if awarded the Scholarship, I am agreeing to the below terms:

- · Return all correspondence in a timely manner
- Sign a grant agreement. I would be entering into a signed grant agreement with the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCA). When requested, submit a Graduation Date Verification Form (GDV) form for each college attended (or high school, if highest education askeved)
- Maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 until graduation
- Be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) semester units, or its equivalent until program completion
- Upon graduation, send a signed and completed (GDV) form settifying program requirements were met
 When requested, submit Progress Reports, signed by my supervisor(s) to verify that I am working and meeting the program requirements
 Find employment at a qualified facility upon graduating. The designation must be specific to the program application
- For a period of twelve (12) months (upon graduation and once employed at a qualified facility) provide direct services (minimum of 32 hours per week)
 Notify HCAI of any changes to my address, email, phone number, employment, and any leave of absence from work, within 30 days

- Not accept any other award with other entities, including other HCAI programs, which require me to fulfill contract that overlaps with this period.
 Subject to repay funds received, with interest, and any liquidated damages for damages suffered by HCAI and the State of California as a result of the breach, an amount equal to the number of months obligated service not completed, if I do not comply with the terms of the grant agreement

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	You are about to submit your application. Please review your application prior to submitting. We cannot accept any corrected documents or revisions after submission
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- 1. Last page. When you are fully satisfied that your application has been filled out correctly, check the certify box.
- 2. Please note: When you click the "Submit" button you are done. You will not be allowed to make any further edits.



Application Certification



- 1. This is what the submission page looks like. When you see this, you are done and can exit the application if you so choose.
- 2. Please note your Application Number, you will refer to it in future correspondence.



Application Certification



- At any point after submitting (and if you are logged in), you can click on the Applications - In Progress/Submitted link and it will show you your submitted application.
- 2. You can view or print your submitted application at any time by clicking on this dropdown.



Scholarship Program Verification (SPV) Form

California Health and Human Services Agency

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2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 800 Sacramento, CA 95833 beal ca ocy



If awarded for the WCSP, this form will be made available to you in June 2025 and must be received no later than August 1, 2025.

- 1. Please provide your First and Last Name
- 2. Please provide School Institution Information
- 3. Please provide Major/Concentration of your enrolled program
- 4. Please provide the degree that you are currently working towards (Associate's or Bachelor's)
- 5. Please provide your program start date
- 6. Select the box that certifies that you are enrolled or schedule to be enrolled in a minimum of six semester units.
- 7. Select the type of units your institution uses
- 8. Please provide your current GPA. If you check the checkbox that says "GPA Unavailable", then you will need to provide your most recent transcript.
- 9. Please provide your Expected Graduation/Completion Date
- 10. This form must be signed/dated by someone from your enrolled institution. Either the Registrar's Office, Program Director, or Appropriate Designee Only.





SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM VERIFICATION (SPV) FORM



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