

# Wellness Coach Scholarship Program (WCSP) Technical Assistance Guide

Department of Health Care Access and Information

April 2024

#### **Background and Mission**

The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) administers health workforce programs. These workforce programs build a health workforce that serves a diverse California.

The Wellness Coach Scholarship Program's goal is to educate and train students to serve as Certified Wellness Coaches (CWC) in California. WCSP provides scholarships to students in associate or bachelor's degree programs that qualify them for Wellness Coach Certification through the education pathway in exchange for a 12-month service obligation providing CWC services in California. Eligible applicants may receive up to \$35,000. The purpose of this program is to increase the number of CWCs providing direct services in California.



#### **Application Release Dates**

Informational Webinar: April 18, 2024

**Application release: April 9, 2024** 

Application deadline: May 24, 2024

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 WCSP Application.



### **Available Funding**

• Up to \$50 million is available to support students enrolled in eligible degree programs. In the event there is additional state funding available, HCAI has the discretion to make additional awards.



#### **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".
- 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/initiatives/certified-wellness-coach/#wellness-coach-scholarship-program-wcsp</u>
- WCSP-Grant-Guide-FY-2024-25
- 2024 WCSP Application

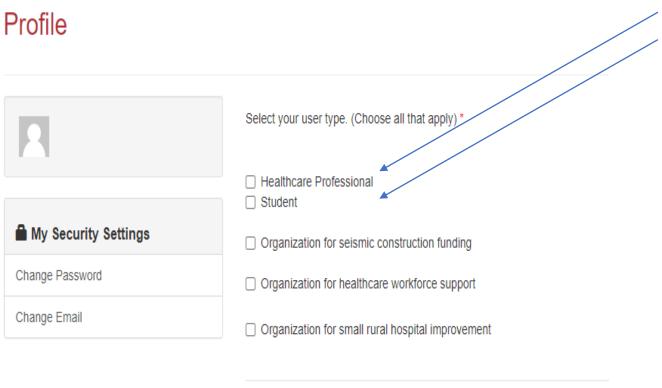


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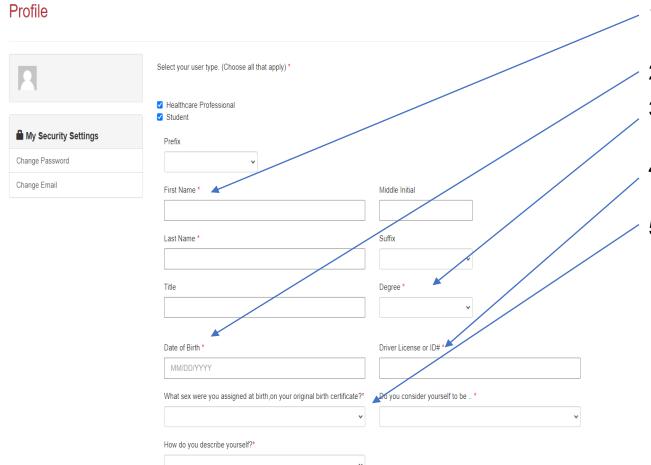


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 Depending on your circumstance, check either "Healthcare Professional" or "Student", or both (if appropriate). After checking that box, you will immediately be presented with additional options.



## **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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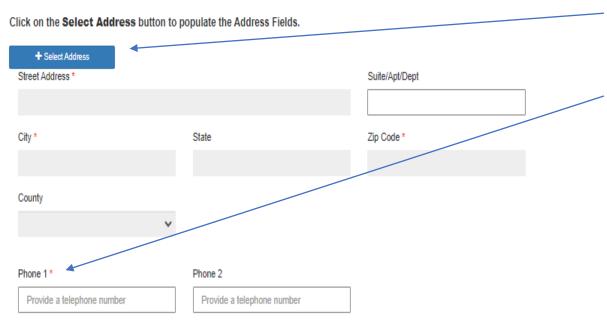
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### **Completing Your Profile (continued)**



 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

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- 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 Wellness Coach 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 <sup>(2)</sup>

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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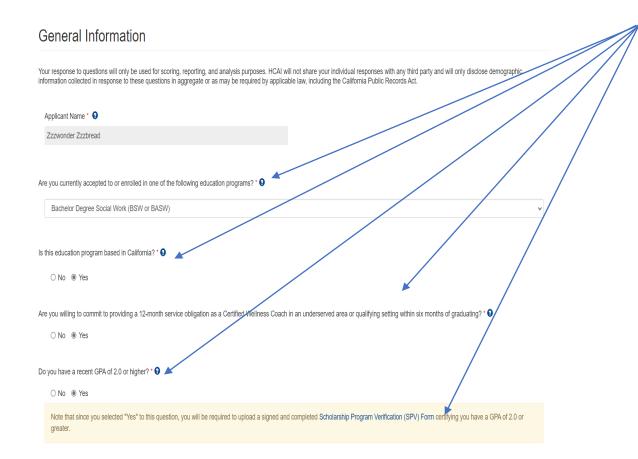
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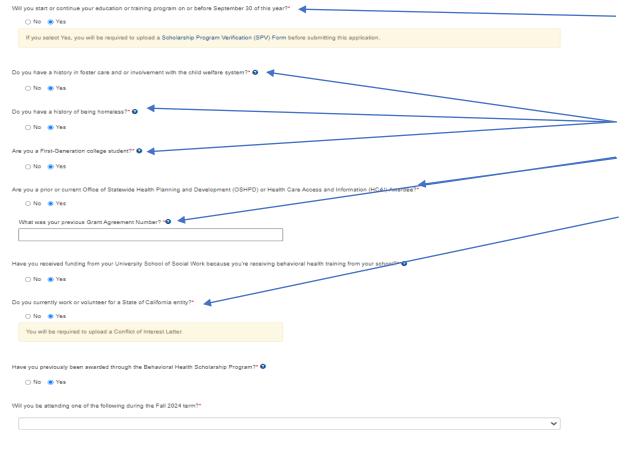
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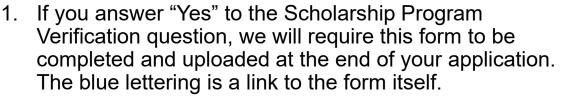
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### **General Information (continued)**



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- 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.



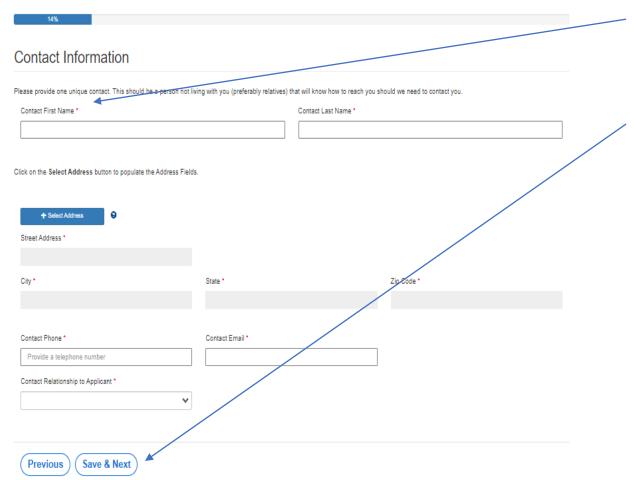
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- 2. When you are satisfied with how the information is presented choose "Save and Next" at the bottom of the page to continue.



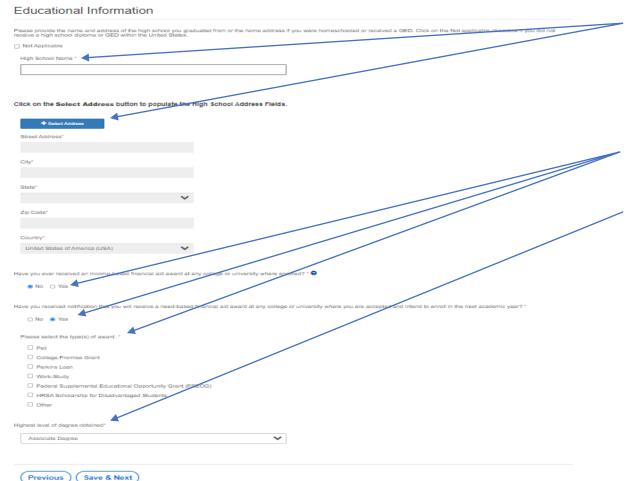
#### **Contact Information**



- 1. The purpose of this question is to ask for an additional point of contact. We need the name and contact information for someone who knows you, in case you move or change telephone numbers.
- 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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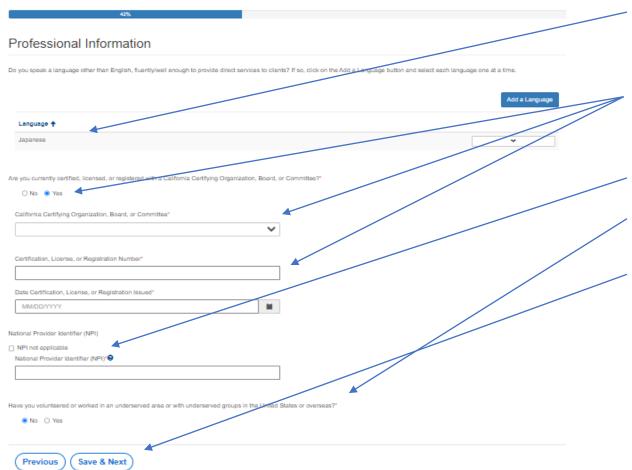
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- When you click on the "Add a Language" button, this is what you will see. Please choose the additional language from the dropdown.
- 2. Select "Save" when complete.



#### **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**

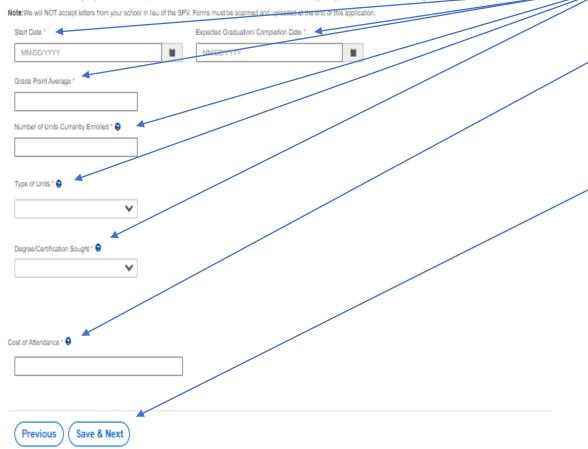
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- 1. Please answer the program enrollment question.
- 2. If you are currently applying for more than one HCAI scholarship, please let us know your preference. If you are eligible for more than one award, you can only have one award per year.
- 3. Please 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.



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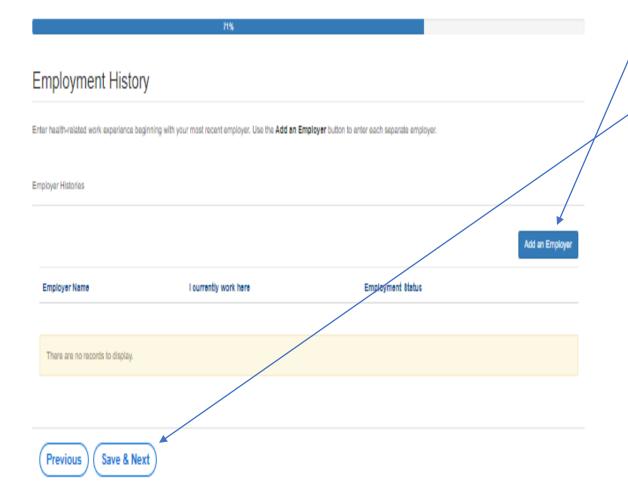
(If your grade point average has not been established at this college, please list your most recent grade point average.)

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 WCSP application, complete the COA document and then upload the completed version when you reach the end of your WCSP application.

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



### **Employment History**



- 1. Please enter any health-related work experience beginning with your most recent employer. If you do not have any, you can skip this specific part.
- 2. When you are done with the employment history, select "Save and Next" at the bottom of the page to continue.



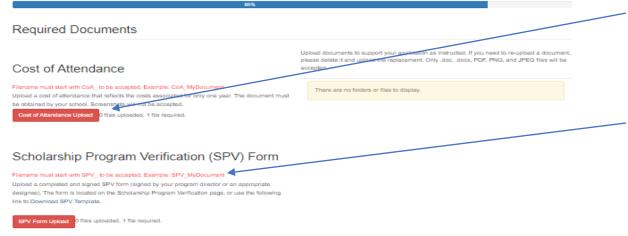
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#### **Required Documents**



#### Conflict of Interest Letter

#### Filename must start with Conflict\_ to be accepted, Example: Conflict\_MyDocument



#### Service Requirement Deferment Letter

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- 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.



#### **Required Documents**



- 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 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.

#### Conflict of Interest Letter

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### **Application Certification**

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understand that, if awarded the Scholarship, I am agreeing to the below terms:
<ul> <li>Return all correspondence in a timely manner</li> <li>Sign a grant agreement. I would be entering into a signed grant agreement with the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAU)</li> <li>When requested, submit a Graduation Date Verification Form (GDV) form the each college attended (or high school, If highest deucation ackneed)</li> <li>Maintain a GPN of at least 2.0 until graduation</li> <li>Be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) semester units, or its equivalger fund program completion</li> <li>Upon graduation, send a signed and completed (GDV) form school (SDV) form requirements were met</li> <li>When requested, submit a could be the designation must be specific to the program application</li> <li>Find employment at a qualified facility upon graduation, the designation must be specific to the program application</li> <li>For a period of twelve (12) months (upon graduation, find education and noce employed at a qualified facility) provident and pression of any changes formal (upon graduation) mumber, employment, and any single work of the single direct services (minimum of 32 hours per week)</li> <li>Noth (HCAU of any changes to mail driven number, employment, and any leave of absence topic work, within 30 days</li> <li>Not accept any other award with other entities, including other HCAU programs, which require me to Hulfil and overlaps with this period.</li> <li>Subject for reply funds received, with interset, and any (qualitated damages for damages suffered by HEAI 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</li> </ul>
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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.



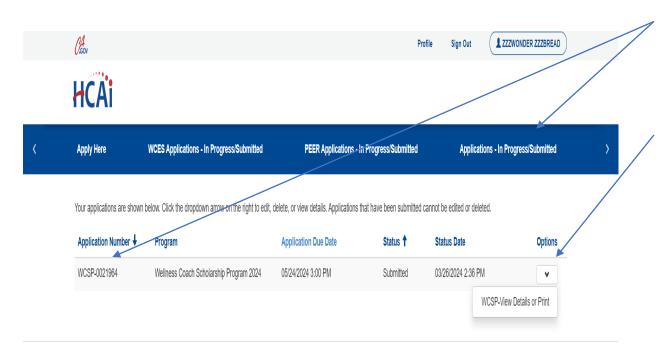
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- . This is what the submission page looks like. When you see this, you are done and can exit the application if you so choose.
- 2. Please note your Application Number, you will refer to it in future correspondence.



### **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.





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