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Dear Rehabilitation Counseling Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Rehabilitation Services Administration Trainee Scholarship sponsored by the Council on Rehabilitation Education accredited, Rehabilitation Counseling program at The University of Memphis. Enclosed you will find a brief overview of the scholarship program and an application for consideration.

The Rehabilitation Counseling program can award six RSA Federal scholarships each fall and spring semester. The application process is competitive and linked to the match between the grant's intent and a student's professional goals. The RSA Long Term Training grant pays in-state tuition for full-time students and a monthly stipend.

If you have any questions regarding the program or RSA scholarship, please do not hesitate to contact me at (901) 678-3663, or send an e-mail to [szanskas@memphis.edu](mailto:szanskas@memphis.edu).

I look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Steve Zankas, Ph.D., CRC  
Professor/Program Coordinator  
Associate Dean, College of Education



# RSA Rehabilitation Services Administration

## LONG-TERM TRAINING PROJECTS Rehabilitation Counseling - Master's Programs

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These grants help colleges and universities provide scholarships to students interested in pursuing careers in rehabilitation counseling. The rehabilitation counselor assists people with physical, emotional or mental disabilities to become independent or remain self-sufficient employed citizens. This might include interviewing, individual assessment, evaluation of medical and psychological reports, vocational guidance, job placement services, and counseling and guidance for personal adjustment. The rehabilitation counselor also works with individuals and organizations to address and eliminate environmental and social barriers for people with disabilities.

RSA awards grants funds to colleges and universities to provide scholarship assistance to students. Students interested in scholarships should apply directly to the Rehabilitation Counseling Coordinator at The University of Memphis. RSA does not provide applications or become involved in the selection of recipients of the scholarships.

Students who receive scholarships under this program are primarily required to work (at full pay) within the public rehabilitation program, such as with a state vocational rehabilitation agency, an agency or organization that has a service arrangement with a state vocational rehabilitation agency or a federally funded center for independent living. The student is expected to work two years in such settings for every academic year of scholarship support. Scholarship requirements and payback through field related employment should be discussed with the college or university prior to application for a scholarship.

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***RSA STIPEND APPLICATION***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_(HOME) \_\_\_\_\_(WORK)

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERGRADUATE GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

GRE SCORES \_\_\_\_\_(VERBAL) \_\_\_\_\_(QUANTITATIVE)

ENTRY SEMESTER REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE (LAST 5 YEARS):

## ***RSA STIPEND APPLICATION***

### Statement of Intent:

Describe your interests in the field of Rehabilitation Counseling and your goals pertaining to Rehabilitation Counseling. Preference will be given to applicants interested in working in vocational rehabilitation settings, agencies that contract with vocational rehabilitation settings, or Independent Living Centers. Please explain how obtaining this scholarship will assist you in meeting your career goals. (Typed-double spaced, 250 words or less)