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#### UNIVERSITY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

A limited number of reduced fee scholarships are available for current, full-time undergraduate or graduate students at the University of Virginia based on financial need.

# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the scholarship program is to broaden access to mental health care for university students who otherwise might not be able to access care because of financial hardship.

# **REDUCED FEES**

Students granted scholarships will be billed the following reduced fees for services:

<u>Initial consultation</u> Initial psychiatric evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment recommendations.

One (I) hour.

\$100

Follow up appointment for medication management.

Twenty (20) minutes.

\$25

Medication management with psychotherapy

Medication management and psychotherapy session.

One (I) hour.

\$50

#### **NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

The scholarship program will begin with three (3) available scholarships. Additional scholarships may be made available in the future based on financial considerations of the practice.

### **TERM**

The term of a scholarship is one (I) academic year, subject to the student's continued financial need.

### **APPLICATION**

Scholarships will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis based on a student's application documenting financial need. A student shall provide adequate documentation of current, full-time academic status, financial need, and other matters relevant to the application.

### **FINANCIAL NEED**

A student will be considered to demonstrate financial need if the student's annual household income is at or below the applicable United States Federal Poverty Guideline.

2018 United States Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Persons in Household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$12,140
2	\$16,460
3	\$20,780
4	\$25,100
5	\$29,420
6	\$33,740
7	\$38,060
8	\$42,380

#### **INCOME**

Income is defined as the annual gross income of the student's household, including the student, student's spouse, and/or student's parents or legal guardians. Income of parents or legal guardians will not be included if the student is financially independent of parents or legal guardians.

A student will be considered financially independent of parents or legal guardians if:

- I. The student is considered financially independent according to accepted federal student financial aid standards; and
- 2. The student does not in fact receive financial support from parents or legal guardians.

### FINANCIAL AID STANDARDS

A student is considered financially independent of parents or legal guardians according to accepted federal student financial aid standards under the following circumstances:

- 1. The student is twenty-four (24) years old or older;
- 2. The student is in a master's or doctorate program;
- 3. The student is married;
- 4. The student has children who receive more than half their support from the student;
- 5. The student has dependents (other than spouse or children) who live with the student and receive more than half their support from the student;
- 6. The student's parents are deceased, or the student is (or was until age 18) a dependent of a court:
- 7. The student is currently serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces for purposes other than training; or
- 8. The student is a veteran.

## **PROOF OF ANNUAL INCOME**

Proof of annual income shall be the most recent federal tax return(s) for the student's household, documenting gross income for federal tax purposes.

**CONTINUED FINANCIAL NEED** 

To be eligible to receive and continue to receive a reduced fee scholarship, a student must

demonstrate continued financial need.

If the most recent federal tax return(s) for the student's household was (were) filed six (6) or

more months prior to the scholarship application, the student must demonstrate continued

financial need at the time of initial application.

A student must demonstrate continued financial need at the beginning of each semester.

A student will be considered to demonstrate continued financial need if the student's monthly

household income averaged over the last six months is at or below one and a half (1.5) times

the applicable United States Federal Poverty Guideline.

**PROOF OF MONTHLY INCOME** 

Proof of monthly income shall be by paystubs, accepted accounting methods, or other

documentation as may be requested.

**TERMINATION OF PROGRAM** 

The scholarship program is subject to modification or termination based on financial considerations of the practice. At least one (I) month's notice will be provided of any

modification or termination of the scholarship program.

Changes to Scholarship Program:

Scholarship program terms are subject to change. Notice of changes to our scholarship program will be

available upon request, in our office, and on our web site.

Effective Date of this Notice: April 22, 2018

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