

PROVIDERS' COUNCIL

Graduate Leadership Scholarship **Applications due June 16, 2017**

The Providers' Council is pleased to announce it is now accepting applications for the 2017 **Graduate Leadership Scholarship**. The scholarship promotes the Council's ongoing objective of developing the sector's leadership and workforce.

Created to support the Council's promotion and development of the human services sector's workforce, this scholarship is a one-time award of \$10,000 for a Council member employee who is entering or is currently enrolled in a master's degree program. Most accredited master's programs are eligible, provided the applicant demonstrates in their personal statement how the program is clearly related to their future contributions to the human services sector.

The Providers' Council is excited to extend this opportunity to our members' eligible employees. They must have worked at their agency for at least one year and currently be working at least 30 hours a week. Additionally, the sponsoring agency of the selected candidate must be a Providers' Council member in good standing. Applicants must also hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, achieving at least a B (3.0) average.

Applicants must submit a complete application in order to be considered. Specific details can be found on the Graduate Leadership Scholarship application. Applicants will be assessed through transcripts, financial need, resumes, personal statements and references. Successful applicants will show exceptional academic dedication as well as a commitment to the human services sector.

Last year's recipient, Mariame Kounta at Pathlight, received a one-time award of \$10,000 to support her pursuit of a Doctorate in Nursing from University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Applicants must complete the Scholarship Application form and essay, in addition to the relevant college's application (see Application Components). The Scholarship application should be mailed, emailed or faxed to the Providers' Council by Friday, June 16, 2017.

**Please return the completed scholarship application along with the required components (except the graduate program application) to the Providers' Council.*

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To support its ongoing objective of promoting and developing the human services sector's workforce, the Providers' Council is offering a one-time scholarship that puts forth \$10,000 towards the cost of a master's degree program related to the human service field from an accredited Massachusetts college or university. The sponsoring agency of the selected candidate must be a Providers' Council member in good standing

Candidate Requirements:

- Be employees of a Providers' Council member agency. They must have worked at their agency for at least one year and currently be working at least 30 hours a week.
- Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, achieving at least a B (3.0) average.
- If newly applying for graduate school, must show evidence of acceptance by an accredited graduate school, such as an acceptance letter from an accredited graduate school.
- If applicant has already completed a portion of their graduate education, s/he must submit an official transcript from the accredited school in which they are currently enrolled, demonstrating the earning of credit grades (ordinarily a B or 3.0 average) in all courses officially graded by the time of application.
- Show through their resumes, personal statements and references a commitment to the human services sector.
- Must complete the Scholarship Application form and essay, in addition to the relevant college's application. The Scholarship Application should be mailed, emailed or faxed to the Providers' Council by June 16, 2017.

Applications must include:

- **Personal statement** 2-3 pages on how graduate education will help you achieve your personal career goals and further contribute to human services.
- **Statement of financial need** on how this scholarship affects your ability to attend graduate school.
- **Letter of acceptance** to a master's degree program at a Massachusetts college or university, **or**
 - If the applicant has already been taking classes in a master's degree program, an **official transcript** from the school where they are currently a student.
- **Official Transcript** from your undergraduate program.
- **Two letters of professional and/or academic recommendation.**
 - At least one letter of recommendation must come from the applicant's supervisor discussing the candidate's commitment to the field of human services, the contributions the candidate had made to their agency and the potential to assume a leadership position within the agency.
- **Signature of approval** from the agency's executive director or CEO.
- **Resume.**
- **Complete applications must be submitted by June 16, 2017.**

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I, _____, employed by _____, am applying for the **Providers' Council Graduate Leadership Scholarship**, created to support the Council's ongoing objective of promoting and developing the human services sector's workforce, for the academic year beginning in September 2017. I understand that this scholarship is a one-time grant of **\$10,000**, and will be provided as reimbursement upon successful completion of at least one year of graduate school. I understand the scholarship selection is based on merit as well as financial need. If selected for this scholarship, I will participate in an eligible master's-level program to continue my career in human services. I will remain with my employer during the master's program and one year following the completion of my degree. If selected, I agree to participate in marketing of the scholarship, including publication of photo, name and sharing my experience at Council events.

Contact Information

Address _____ Fax _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____

Supervisor Support

As supervisor of the above-named applicant, I have attached a letter of recommendation outlining why I think this employee is an excellent candidate for this scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name and Title: _____

Head of Agency Support

As President/CEO/Executive Director, I approve of this application for the above-named applicant to be considered for the Providers' Council Scholarship. My agency is a member of Providers' Council.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name and Title: _____

Statement of Financial Need

In an attached statement, please explain how this scholarship affects your ability to attend graduate school. Let us know any financial circumstances you would like to share with us regarding your ability to continue your education.

Personal Statement

Please attach a 2-3 page essay on how graduate education will help you achieve your personal career goals and further contribute to human services.