



MA in Rehabilitation Counseling Program

RSA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) is committed to increasing the supply of trained rehabilitation counselors available for employment in public and related rehabilitation agencies and institutions involved in the vocational rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities. Therefore, RSA provides a limited number of scholarships to individuals seeking a Rehabilitation Counseling master's degree at selected universities, including Western Washington University.

At a minimum, the Rehabilitation Counseling Academic Program Director reviews scholarship applications annually to determine which students will receive a scholarship. Scholars must reapply each year they wish to be funded. In selecting recipients, the priorities of the Rehabilitation Counseling Program adhere to federal guidelines and additional priorities, which are indicated on the scholarship application form.

The Rehabilitation Counseling program, in keeping with the RSA personnel development intentions of the scholarship program, considers attendance in the program on a continuous basis as a high priority. This is partially because federal support is provided on a continuous, 12-month basis. In addition to all other criteria for awarding scholarships, students who demonstrate a commitment to consecutive terms of study are likely to receive higher consideration than those who do not. Individual, special, or extenuating circumstances are reviewed in each student's application. Nonetheless, a desire to complete the program in a timely and expeditious manner is considered important and relevant.

A student's commitment to the rehabilitation counseling profession and the job as a vocational rehabilitation counselor is vital. To maintain accreditation, and to obtain federal support for RSA scholarships, the Rehabilitation Counseling program must maintain an accurate list of students and graduates, which includes their places of employment. Therefore, all students, and particularly those who receive RSA scholarships, must agree to maintain contact with the Rehabilitation Counseling program after graduation or after cessation of enrollment in courses.

Federal Regulations

The following are excerpts from [34 CFR 386](#), which establishes the federal regulations regarding the RSA Long-Term Training Scholarships:

34 CFR 386.4 *What definitions apply?*

The following definitions apply to this program:

(a) Definitions included in [34 CFR 385.4](#)

- In particular, the State vocational rehabilitation agency means the designated State agency as defined in [34 CFR 361.5\(c\)\(13\)](#).

(b) Other definitions. The following definitions also apply to this part:

- Academic year means a full-time course of study—
 - (i) Taken for a period totaling at least nine months; or
 - (ii) Taken for the equivalent of at least two semesters, two trimesters, or three quarters.
- Professional corporation or professional practice means—
 - (i) A professional service corporation or practice formed by one or more individuals duly authorized to render the same professional service, for the purpose of rendering that service; and
 - (ii) The corporation or practice and its members are subject to the same supervision by appropriate State regulatory agencies as individual practitioners.
- Related agency means—
 - (i) An American Indian rehabilitation program; or
 - (ii) Any of the following agencies that provide services to individuals with disabilities under an agreement or other arrangement with a designated State agency in the area of specialty for which training is provided:
 - (A) A Federal, State, or local agency.
 - (B) A nonprofit organization.
 - (C) A professional corporation or professional practice group.
- Scholar means an individual who is enrolled in a certificate or degree granting course of study in one of the areas listed in § 386.1(b) and who receives scholarship assistance under this part.
- Scholarship means an award of financial assistance to a scholar for training and includes all disbursements or credits for student stipends, tuition and fees, books and supplies, and student travel in conjunction with training assignments.

34 CFR 386.33 *What are the requirements for grantees in disbursing scholarships?*

Before disbursement of scholarship assistance to an individual, a grantee—

(a)(1) Must obtain documentation that the individual is—

- (i) A U.S. citizen or national; or
- (ii) A permanent resident of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, The United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

(a)(2) Must confirm from documentation issued to the individual by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service that he or she—

- (i) Is a lawful permanent resident of the United States; or
- (ii) Is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a citizen or permanent resident; and

- (b) Must confirm that the applicant has expressed interest in a career in clinical practice, administration, supervision, teaching, or research in the vocational rehabilitation, supported employment, or independent living rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with significant disabilities;
- (c) Must obtain documentation, as described in § 386.40(a)(7), that the individual expects to seek and maintain employment in a designated State agency or in a related agency as defined in § 386.4 where
 - (1) The employment is in the field of study in which the training was received or
 - (2) Where the job functions are directly relevant to the field of study in which the training was received.
- (d) Must ensure that the scholarship, when added to the amount of financial aid the scholar receives for the same academic year under title IV of the Higher Education Act, does not exceed the scholar's cost of attendance;
- (e) Must limit scholarship assistance to no more than four academic years, unless the grantee provides an extension consistent with the institution's accommodations under section 504 of the Act; and
- (f) Must obtain a Certification of Eligibility for Federal Assistance from each scholar as prescribed in 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62.

[34 CFR 386.34](#) *What assurances must be provided by a grantee that intends to provide scholarships?*

A grantee under this part that intends to grant scholarships for any academic year must provide the following assurances before an award is made:

- (a) *Requirement for agreement.* No individual will be provided a scholarship without entering into a written agreement containing the terms and conditions required by this section. An individual will sign and date the agreement prior to the initial disbursement of scholarship funds to the individual for payment of the individual's expenses. An agreement must be executed between the grantee and scholar for each subsequent year that scholarship funds are disbursed and must contain the terms and conditions required by this section.
- (b) *Disclosure to applicants.* The terms and conditions of the agreement between the grantee and a scholar will be fully disclosed in the application for scholarship.
- (c) *Form and terms of agreement.* Prior to granting each year of a scholarship, the grantee will require each scholar to enter into a signed written agreement in which the scholar agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in § 386.40. This agreement must be in the form and contain any additional terms and conditions that the Secretary may require.
- (d) *Executed agreement.* The grantee will provide an original signed executed payback agreement upon request to the Secretary.
- (e) *Standards for satisfactory progress.* The grantee will establish, publish, and apply reasonable standards for measuring whether a scholar is maintaining satisfactory progress in the scholar's course of study. The Secretary considers an institution's standards to be reasonable if the standards—
 - (1) Conform with the standards of satisfactory progress of the nationally recognized accrediting agency that accredits the institution's program of study, if the institution's program of study is accredited by such an agency, and if the agency has those standards;
 - (2) For a scholar enrolled in an eligible program who is to receive assistance under the Rehabilitation Act, are the same as or stricter than the institution's standards for a student

enrolled in the same academic program who is not receiving assistance under the Rehabilitation Act; and

(3) Include the following elements:

- (i) Grades, work projects completed, or comparable factors that are measurable against a norm.
- (ii) A maximum timeframe in which the scholar must complete the scholar's educational objective, degree, or certificate.
- (iii) Consistent application of standards to all scholars within categories of students; e.g., full-time, part-time, undergraduates, graduate students, and students attending programs established by the institution.
- (iv) Specific policies defining the effect of course incompletes, withdrawals, repetitions, and noncredit remedial courses on satisfactory progress.
- (v) Specific procedures for appeal of a determination that a scholar is not making satisfactory progress and for reinstatement of aid.

(f) *Exit certification.*

(1) At the time of exit from the program, the grantee will provide the following information to the scholar:

- (i) The name of the institution and the number of the Federal grant that provided the scholarship.
- (ii) The total amount of scholarship assistance received subject to § 386.40(a)(7).
- (iii) The scholar's field of study and the obligation of the scholar to perform the service obligation with employment that meets the requirements in § 386.40(a)(7)(i).
- (iv) The number of years the scholar needs to work to satisfy the work requirements in § 386.40(a)(7)(ii).
- (v) The time period during which the scholar must satisfy the work requirements in § 386.40(a)(8).
- (vi) As applicable, all other obligations of the scholar in § 386.40.

(2) Upon receipt of this information from the grantee, the scholar must provide written and signed certification to the grantee that the information is correct.

(g) *Tracking system.* The grantee has established policies and procedures to determine compliance of the scholar with the terms of the signed payback agreement. In order to determine whether a scholar has met the terms and conditions set forth in § 386.40, the tracking system must include for each employment position maintained by the scholar—

- (1) Documentation of the employer's name, address, dates of the scholar's employment, name of supervisor, position title, a description of the duties the scholar performed, and whether the employment is full- or part-time;
- (2) Documentation of how the employment meets the requirements in § 386.40(a)(7); and
- (3) In the event a grantee is experiencing difficulty locating a scholar, documentation that the grantee has checked with existing tracking systems operated by alumni organizations.

(h) *Reports.* The grantee will make annual reports to the Secretary, unless more frequent reporting is required by the Secretary, that are necessary to carry out the Secretary's functions under this part.

(i) *Repayment status.* The grantee will immediately report to the Secretary whenever a scholar has entered repayment status under § 386.43(e) and provide all necessary documentation in support thereof.

- (j) *Records*. The grantee will maintain accurate and complete records as outlined in paragraphs (g) and (h) of this section for a period of time not less than one year beyond the date that all scholars provided financial assistance under the grant—
- (1) Have completed their service obligation or
 - (2) Have entered into repayment status pursuant to § 386.43(e).

34 CFR 386.40 *What are the requirements for scholars?*

- (a) A scholar must—
- (1) Be enrolled in a course of study leading to a certificate or degree in one of the fields designated in § 386.1(b);
 - (2) Receive the training at the educational institution or agency designated in the scholarship;
 - (3) Not accept payment of educational allowances from any other entity if that allowance conflicts with the scholar's obligation under section 302 of the Act and this part;
 - (4) Not receive concurrent scholarships for the same academic term from more than one project under this program;
 - (5) Enter into a signed written agreement with the grantee, prior to the receipt of scholarship funds, as required in § 386.34(c);
 - (6) Maintain satisfactory progress toward the certificate or degree as determined by the grantee;
 - (7) Upon exiting the training program under paragraph (a)(1) of this section, subsequently maintain employment on a full- or part-time basis subject to the provisions in paragraph (b) of this section—
 - (i) (A) In a State vocational rehabilitation agency or related agency as defined in § 386.4; and
 - (B) (1) In the field of study for which training was received, or
 - (2) Where the field of study is directly relevant to the job functions performed;and
 - (ii) For a period of at least the full-time equivalent of two years for every academic year for which assistance under this section was received subject to the provisions in paragraph (c) of this section for part-time coursework;
 - (8) Complete the service obligation within a period, beginning after the recipient exits the training program for which the scholarship was awarded, of not more than the sum of the number of years in the period described in paragraph (a)(7)(ii) of this section and two additional years;
 - (9) Repay all or part of any scholarship received, plus interest, if the individual does not fulfill the requirements of this section, except as provided for in § 386.41 for exceptions and deferrals; and
 - (10) Provide the grantee all requested information necessary for the grantee to meet the exit certification requirements in § 386.34(f) and, as necessary, thereafter for any changes necessary for the grantee to monitor the scholar's service obligation under this section.
- (b) (1) The period of qualifying employment that meets the requirements of paragraph (a)(7) of this section may begin—
- (i) For courses of study of at least one year, only subsequent to the completion of one academic year of the training for which the scholarship assistance was received.
 - (ii) For courses of study of less than one year, only upon completion of the training for which the scholarship assistance was received.

- (2) The work completed as part of an internship, practicum, or any other work-related requirement necessary to complete the educational program is not considered qualifying employment.
- (c) If the scholar is pursuing coursework on a part-time basis, the service obligation for these part-time courses is based on the equivalent total of actual academic years of training received.
- (d) If a scholar fails to provide the information in paragraph (a)(10) of this section or otherwise maintain contact with the grantee pursuant to the terms of the signed payback agreement and enters into repayment status pursuant to § 386.43, the scholar will be held responsible for any costs assessed in the collection process under that section even if that information is subsequently provided.

[34 CFR 386.41](#) *Under what circumstances does the Secretary grant a deferral or exception to performance or repayment under a scholarship agreement?*

Based upon sufficient evidence to substantiate the grounds as detailed in § 386.42, a repayment exception to or deferral of the requirements of § 386.40(a)(7) may be granted, in whole or in part, by the Secretary as follows:

- (a) Repayment is not required if the scholar—
 - (1) Is unable to continue the course of study or perform the work obligation because of a permanent disability that meets one of the following conditions:
 - (i) The disability had not been diagnosed at the time the scholar signed the agreement in § 386.34(c); or
 - (ii) The disability did not prevent the scholar from performing the requirements of the course of study or the work obligation at the time the scholar signed the agreement in § 386.34(c) but subsequently worsened; or
 - (2) Has died.
- (b) Repayment of a scholarship may be deferred during the time the scholar is—
 - (1) Engaging in a full-time course of study in the field of rehabilitation at an institution of higher education;
 - (2) Serving on active duty as a member of the armed services of the United States for a period not in excess of four years;
 - (3) Serving as a volunteer under the Peace Corps Act;
 - (4) Serving as a full-time volunteer under title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973;
 - (5) Experiencing a temporary disability that affects the scholar's ability to continue the course of study or perform the work obligation, for a period not to exceed three years; or
- (c) Under limited circumstances as determined by the Secretary and based upon credible evidence submitted on behalf of the scholar, the Secretary may grant an exception to, or deferral of, the requirement to repay a scholarship in instances not specified in this section. These instances could include, but are not limited to, the care of a disabled spouse, partner, or child or the need to accompany a spouse or partner on active duty in the Armed Forces.

[34 CFR 386.42](#) *What must a scholar do to obtain a deferral or exception to performance or repayment under a scholarship agreement?*

To obtain an exception or a deferral to performance or repayment under a scholarship agreement under § 386.41, a scholar must provide the following:

- (a) *Written application.* A written application must be made to the Secretary to request a deferral or an exception to performance or repayment of a scholarship.
- (b) *Documentation.* Sufficient documentation must be provided to substantiate the grounds for all deferrals or exceptions, including the following, as appropriate.
 - (1) Documentation necessary to substantiate an exception under § 386.41(a)(1) or a deferral under § 386.41(b)(5) must include a letter from a qualified physician or other medical professional, on official stationery, attesting how the disability affects the scholar in completing the course of study or performing the work obligation. The documentation must be less than three months old and include the scholar's diagnosis and prognosis and ability to complete the course of study or work with accommodations.
 - (2) Documentation to substantiate an exception under § 386.41(a)(2) must include a death certificate or other evidence conclusive under State law.
 - (3) Documentation necessary to substantiate a deferral or exception under 386.41(c) based upon the disability of a spouse, partner, or child must meet the criteria, as relevant, in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

[34 CFR 386.43](#) *What are the consequences of a scholar's failure to meet the terms and conditions of a scholarship agreement?*

In the event of a failure to meet the terms and conditions of a scholarship agreement or to obtain a deferral or an exception as provided in § 386.41, the scholar must repay all or part of the scholarship as follows:

- (a) *Amount.* The amount of the scholarship to be repaid is proportional to the employment obligation not completed.
- (b) *Interest rate.* The Secretary charges the scholar interest on the unpaid balance owed in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3717.
- (c) *Interest accrual.*
 - (1) Interest on the unpaid balance accrues from the date the scholar is determined to have entered repayment status under paragraph (e) of this section.
 - (2) Any accrued interest is capitalized at the time the scholar's repayment schedule is established.
 - (3) No interest is charged for the period of time during which repayment has been deferred under § 386.41.
- (d) *Collection costs.* Under the authority of 31 U.S.C. 3717, the Secretary may impose reasonable collection costs.
- (e) *Repayment status.* A scholar enters repayment status on the first day of the first calendar month after the earliest of the following dates, as applicable:
 - (1) The date the scholar informs the Secretary he or she does not plan to fulfill the employment obligation under the agreement.
 - (2) Any date when the scholar's failure to begin or maintain employment makes it impossible for that individual to complete the employment obligation within the number of years required in § 386.40(a)(8).
- (f) *Amounts and frequency of payment.* The scholar shall make payments to the Secretary that cover principal, interest, and collection costs according to a schedule established by the Secretary.

Additional RSA Requirements

The current RSA Long-Term Training Scholarships require that a scholar completes an internship at a designated State rehabilitation agency as a rehabilitation counselor or related professional. The designated state agencies in Washington State are the Washington Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the Washington Department of Services for the Blind (DSB). The WWU MA in Rehabilitation Counseling Program has defined an internship as a minimum of 300 hours (can be completed during one quarter or over multiple quarters) at DVR or DSB.

Additional WWU Requirements

In addition to the requirements established by the RSA, the following guidelines have been established at Western Washington University.

1. Scholarship candidates should be fully admitted to graduate status to work toward the Master of Arts degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. To be considered for continuation of an RSA scholarship after the first year of funding, the student must complete and submit a new application for each subsequent year of funding.
2. Scholarship recipients must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA each quarter.
3. Any Incomplete (K) grades are evaluated on an individual basis.
4. Once the candidate is awarded an RSA scholarship, and based on the availability of federal funds, the scholarship will continue to be awarded each successive quarter, including summer, of that academic year provided that the student maintains satisfactory progress in the MA in RC program.
5. Scholarship funds will not be used to pay for courses that must be repeated due to low grades or dropping a class after the deadline for refunds.
6. Scholarship funds will not be used to pay for late fees or graduation fees.
7. Scholarship awards will be made for the Fall quarter of the academic year (or the previous Summer if funds are available) and continue through the following Summer quarter. If any additional federal funds become available during the year, applicants may be considered for funding beginning later in the year. Applications for mid-year funding must be received by the Rehabilitation Counseling Academic Program Director one month prior to the start of the quarter for which the student is requesting funding.
8. Scholarship candidates should be aware that Western's Financial Aid Office requires that we provide them with information about any funds (tuition or stipend) that you are awarded from the RSA Scholarship. Therefore, the funds you receive from the RSA Scholarship will likely impact your Financial Aid. If you receive Financial Aid and would like to know how receiving this Scholarship would impact your aid, contact Western's Financial Aid Office (360-650-3470 or financialaid@wwu.edu).



MA in Rehabilitation Counseling Program

APPLICATION FOR RSA SCHOLARSHIP

Based on the availability of funding awarded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration, the MA in Rehabilitation Counseling program at Western Washington University is pleased to make competitive awards of scholarships to Rehabilitation Counseling graduate students who are selected each year by program faculty.

To compete for an RSA Scholarship for **Spring 2025-Summer 2025**, a student must complete the following application and return it to the Rehabilitation Counseling Program by **February 21st**. Students who have previously received funding must also reapply by **February 21st** if they are not currently funded and wish to be funded for Spring 2025-Summer 2025. Applications should be emailed to RC.Everett@wwu.edu.

Name: _____

WWU #: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Non-WWU email: _____

A complete application includes the following: (a) a one- to two-page response to the four selection criteria listed below, (b) a completed and signed Scholarship Agreement, (c) a signed Certification of Eligibility for Financial Assistance form, (d) documentation of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent resident status per 34 CFR 386.33 (a)(1) & (a)(2), and (e) contact information for someone who the MA in RC Program can contact in the event that we are not able to contact you. The Rehabilitation Counseling faculty may ask to interview you to clarify or expand on your responses.

Prioritized selection criteria are:

1. Describe how your background and your personal beliefs and values demonstrate your commitment to a career in rehabilitation counseling and to serving individuals with disabilities.
2. Describe your plans for completing your practicum and internship (plans do not need to be finalized).
Reminder – a minimum of one quarter (or an equivalent of 300 hours over multiple quarters) of internship must be completed at a designated State rehabilitation agency (e.g., WA DVR or DSB).
3. Describe your plans for using the \$500 professional development monies that will be awarded during the first quarter of the scholarship (some examples are membership dues for professional associations, conference travel/participation, training events). *This does not apply to those students who are reapplying for additional years of funding.*
4. Provide a statement of financial need (either FAFSA report or narrative explanation).

If you need any assistance in understanding or completing this application, you are encouraged to request assistance from the Rehabilitation Counseling Program Specialist, Ms. Monica Holmer.



MA in Rehabilitation Counseling Program

REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (RSA) SCHOLARSHIP/PAYBACK AGREEMENT

**ALL RSA SCHOLARS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT
ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RSA REHABILITATION
LONG-TERM TRAINING PROGRAM, FINANCIAL OBLIGATION, AND SERVICE
OBLIGATION AS A RECIPIENT OF THE TRAINEESHIP BEING PROVIDED.**

**THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE RSA SCHOLAR AND
UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL (PROJECT DIRECTOR).**

This Scholarship Agreement is entered into on the date noted below in compliance with Federal regulations at Title 34 of the CFR (Code of Federal Regulations), Part 386 related to the Long-Term Training Program funded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Education.

I, _____ (*name of scholar*), agree to abide by the stipulations noted below as conditions of receipt of the scholarship for training in the Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling Program at Western Washington University under PR/Award #**H129B190019**.

My receipt of these scholarship funds is predicated upon the expectation that I will complete a minimum of 300 hours of internship at a designated State rehabilitation agency (e.g., WA DVR or DSB). It is also predicated upon the expectation that I maintain or seek employment in the field I was trained for in a designated State rehabilitation agency or in a nonprofit rehabilitation agency, professional corporation, professional practice group, or related agency providing services to individuals with disabilities under an agreement with a designated State agency after I graduate or leave the program. Under the terms of the Long-Term Training Program, scholarship funds include all disbursements or credits for student stipends, tuition and fees, and student travel in conjunction with training assignments.

Therefore, as a designated Long-Term Training scholar, I agree to

1. maintain enrollment and satisfactory progress toward the WWU MA in Rehabilitation Counseling degree as determined by the WWU Project Director

Yes No

2. complete a minimum of 300 hours of internship at a designated State rehabilitation agency (e.g., WA DVR or DSB) as a rehabilitation counselor or related professional

Yes No

3. not accept payment of educational allowances from any other entity if that allowance conflicts with my obligation under this agreement; not receive concurrent scholarships for the same academic term from more than one project under this program

Yes No

I also understand that

4. any funds (tuition or stipend) I receive from the RSA Scholarship will likely impact my financial aid. If I have questions about how my financial aid would be impacted by receiving this Scholarship, I will contact WWU's Financial Aid Office.

Yes No

Therefore, as a designated Long-Term Training scholar, upon graduating or otherwise leaving the program, I agree to

5. maintain employment on a full- or part-time basis

(a) **in the field of study for which the training was provided;**

(b) in a nonprofit rehabilitation agency or related agency or in a State rehabilitation agency or related agency, including a professional corporation or professional practice group through which the agency has a service arrangement with the designated State agency; and

(c) complete the service obligation that will begin after exiting WWU's MA in Rehabilitation Counseling program and a two-year grace period. The service obligation is calculated as thus: for every academic quarter of full-time training a scholar receives, the scholar must work for 6 months in service full-time.

Yes No

(d) I also understand that the employment obligation as applied to a part-time scholar will be based on the accumulated total of actual academic years of training for which the scholarship is received.

Yes No

6. repay all or part of any scholarship received, plus interest, as provided in 34 CFR 386.43 if I do not fulfill the requirements of item 5 of this agreement (immediately above) and/or complete one year of academic training, except as the Secretary of Education by regulations may provide for repayment exceptions and deferrals.

Yes No

7. Until I have satisfied the employment obligation described above, I will update the RSA online tracking system (Payback Information Management System or PIMS) and inform the MA in Rehabilitation Counseling Program at WWU of any change of name, address, or employment status and enter all employment for review and approval in PIMS pursuant to the terms of the agreement.

Yes No

8. Subject to the provisions in 34 CFR 386.41 of the Federal regulations, regarding a deferral or exception, if I enter repayment status under 34 CFR 386.43(e), the amount of the scholarship that has not been retired through eligible employment will constitute a debt owed to the United States that --
- a. will be repaid by me, including interest and costs of collection as provided in 34 CFR 386.43; and
 - b. may be collected by the Secretary of Education in accordance with 34 CFR Part 30, in the case of a failure to meet the obligation of 34 CFR 386.43.

Yes No

CERTIFICATION

Scholar: I, _____ (name of scholar), hereby certify that the Federal regulations noted above in this Agreement have been explained to me and a copy of the RSA Long-Term Training Program Scholarship (Payback) Manual has been made available to me by the institution that awarded the scholarship funds. I further acknowledge that I attended or reviewed the video of a meeting that was held on _____ with the below named official and I certify that all information I provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fined in an amount not less than \$5,000 and not greater than \$10,000, plus 3 times the amount of damages the Government sustains due to my false statement. - False Claims Act, 31USC§ 3729.

Scholar Initials: _____

Project Director for PR/Award #H129B190019: By signing this Agreement, I acknowledge that I held a meeting on _____ and fully discussed the terms and conditions of the scholarship and provided a copy of the RSA Long-Term Training Scholarship (Payback) Manual. I, therefore, certify that all information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fined in an amount not less than \$5,000 and not greater than \$10,000, plus 3 times the amount of damages the Government sustains due to my false statement. - False Claims Act, 31 USC § 3729.

Project Director Initials: _____

Signature of Scholar

Date

Social Security Number of Scholar

Signature of WWU Project Director

Date



Certification of Eligibility for Federal Assistance in Certain Programs

I understand that 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62 require that I make specific certifications of eligibility to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) as a condition of applying for Federal funds in certain programs and that these requirements are in addition to any other eligibility requirements that ED imposes under program regulations. Under 34 CFR 75.60 – 75.62:

I. I certify that:

A. I do not owe a debt, or I am current in repaying a debt, or I am not in default (as that term is used at 34 CFR Part 668) on a debt:

1. To the Federal Government under a nonprocurement transaction (e.g., a previous loan, scholarship, grant, or cooperative agreement); or
2. For a fellowship, scholarship, stipend, discretionary grant, or loan in any program of ED that is subject to 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62, including:
 - Federal Pell Grant Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a, et seq.);
 - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070(b), et seq.);
 - State Student Incentive Grant Program (SSIG) 20 U.S.C. 1070c, et seq.);
 - Federal Perkins Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087aa, et seq.);
 - Income Contingent Direct Loan Demonstration Project (20 U.S.C. 1087a, note);
 - Federal Stafford Loan Program, Federal Supplemental Loans for Students [SLS], Federal PLUS, or Federal Consolidation Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1071, et seq.);
 - William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087a, et. seq.);
 - Cuban Student Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 2601, et seq.);
 - Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program (20 U.S.C. 1070d-31, et seq.);
 - Jacob K. Javits Fellows Program (20 U.S.C. 1134h-1134l);
 - Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1134d-1134g);
 - Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1105-1105i);
 - Bilingual Education Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 3221-3262);
 - Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));
 - Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program (20 U.S.C. 1104, et seq.);
 - Law Enforcement Education Program (42 U.S.C. 3775);
 - Indian Fellowship Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));
 - Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program (20 U.S.C. 1021, et seq.);

OR

B. I have made arrangements satisfactory to ED to repay a debt as described in A.1. or A.2. (above) on which I had not been current in repaying or on which I was in default (as that term is used in 34 CFR Part 668).

II. I certify also that I have not been declared by a judge, as a condition of sentencing under section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 862), ineligible to receive Federal assistance for the period of this requested funding.

I understand that providing a false certification to any of the statements above makes me liable for repayment to ED for funds received on the basis of this certification, for civil penalties, and for criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Typed or Printed Name)

Name or number of ED program under which this certification is being made: 84.129B
ED 80-0016 (Revised 2/01)



MA in Rehabilitation Counseling Program

RSA SCHOLAR CONTACT

Please provide the following information for someone who the WWU RC Program can contact in the event that we are not able to contact you. It needs to be someone who is at least 21 years old and can include a parent, relative, spouse, partner, or sibling. RSA requires programs to collect this information. The information provided below will be kept confidential unless requested by RSA.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Work Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to You: _____