

Scholarship Opportunities for Counseling Students

October

- [Behavioral Health Workforce Education & Training Program at USF](#) | October | \$10,000 – 28,000
- [Scott and Paul Pearsall Research Grant](#) | October | \$10,000

December

- [Leopold Schepp Foundation Scholarship](#) | December | up to \$9,000

January

- [NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Mental Health Counselors](#) | January
- [NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors](#) | January
- [NBCC Foundation Military Scholarship \(Master's\)](#) | January
- [NBCC Foundation Rural Scholarship \(Master's\)](#) | January
- [AAMFT Minority Fellowship Program](#) | January | Starting at \$6,600 |

February

- [Ann Winch Fellowship](#) | February | \$1000 |
- [Kreplick Graduate Fellowship](#) | February | \$1000 |
- [National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, INC](#) | February | Varies

March

- [The Melanie Foundation Scholarship](#) | March | \$2500
- [RSA Scholar](#) | March | Varies; covers tuition, books, stipends, fees, travel, and other approved expenses.

April

- [Vet Center Scholarship](#) | April | Covers up to 2 years of graduate school with 6 year commitment working at one of VA's 300 Vet Centers Nation Wide
- [Calvin M. Pinkard Scholarship](#) | April | Calvin M. Pinkard Scholarship
- [Lynn Bartolotta Scholarship](#) | April | Varies |
- [Susan D Kelley Textbook Scholarship](#) | April | Varies |
- [Master's Degree Scholarship in Psychology and Counseling](#) | April | \$500

May

- [Violet and Cyril Franks Research Scholarship](#) (Research Grant) | May | \$5000

June

- [Future Counselors of America Scholarship](#) | June | \$1000

July

- [NBCC Foundation Military Scholarship](#) | July | \$8500
- [NBCC Foundation Rural Scholarship](#) | July | \$8500

Friendly Reminders:

- Plan ahead. If you are going to apply for a scholarship, start early. If you need to submit a recommendation, be sure to give your recommender plenty of time.
- Apply for as many as you can. It can't hurt.
- This is not a comprehensive list. If you come across other scholarship opportunities, please let us know and we will update the database.
- If you win, please let us know. We want to celebrate you!
- Good luck!

USF Graduate School Scholarships

USF Graduate Scholarship: Ann Winch Fellowship

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: February

Award Amount: \$1,000; non-renewable

Eligibility:

Enrolled as a Graduate Student at USF in good academic standing. Maintained a household or has been in the workforce. Proven track record of community service. Strong moral character and strong leadership capacity. Outstanding academic achievement and has demonstrated financial need.

Information:

The Ann Winch Fellowship was established to encourage and enable mature students in their pursuit of a graduate degree, and to promote scholarship and leadership at the graduate level.

USF Graduate Scholarship: Kreplick Graduate Fellowship

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: February

Award Amount: \$1,000; non-renewable

Eligibility:

Graduate students who plan their careers “to education or to help others.” Must be a public high school graduate. Student must be pursuing graduate degrees in Education (particularly child development and special education disciplines), Nursing, Social Work, Rehabilitation Counseling, and Criminology. Upper age limit: 30 years.

Information:

This fellowship focuses on students entering a helping profession.

**USF Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health
Counseling Scholarships**

USF Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Program: Behavioral Health Workforce Education & Training Program at USF

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: October

Award Amount:

- \$10,000 for master's level students
- \$25,000 for doctoral level students
- \$28,352 for doctoral level psychology intern

Eligibility:

- Students enrolled in one of these USF programs can apply:
 - [Clinical Master's Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling \(CRMHC\)](#)
 - [Master's Social Work \(MSW\)](#)
 - [Master's Counselor Education](#)
 - [Doctoral School Psychology/Clinical Psychology](#)
 - [USF Health Doctoral Internship in Professional Psychology](#) (must have matched through APPIC)
- U.S. Citizen
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Enrolled in fieldwork courses or in internship during the program.

SCHOLARS MUST FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE PROGRAM:

- Complete the field placement over a minimum of 2 semesters in an approved IBH site, such as:
 - Ybor Youth Clinic
 - Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough Count
 - 17 Davis and Health Park
 - Tampa Crossroads
 - Athletic Medicine
 - James A. Haley VA Mental Health Department
- Complete the training requirements, including workshops, evaluations, client tracking logs, and supervised clinical hours.
- Complete and submit all required information necessary for accurate reporting and project documentation for HRSA.
- Continue career path and seek employment working with underserved population post-graduation.
- Respond to requests post-graduation for information necessary for program reporting for purposes such as licensure status and career placements and keep USF grant staff apprised of professional development.

Information:

The BHWET-USF program is expanding the behavioral health workforce through interdisciplinary training, integrating behavioral health with primary care, and increasing the number of field placements and internships focused on serving underserved populations in the Tampa Bay area.

BHWET-USF scholars receive a one-year training in the principles and best practices of integrated behavioral Health (IBH) by completing didactic workshops and fieldwork experiences.

Stipends are available through a federal grant from Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), United States Department of Health.

Benefits

- Specialized classroom and clinical training (600 – 2,000 hours) in IBH using interdisciplinary and culturally competent approaches.
- Participation in research projects with funding to present at regional and national conferences.
- Expert mentorship and career consultation through faculty and clinical supervisors.

Contact:

RMHC Students

[Chih-Chin Chou, PhD, CRC](#)

RMHC Director, Associate Professor

Psychology Students

[Heather Agazzi, PhD](#)

Licensed Psychologist, USF Health Psychology Internship Director,
and Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry

[Doctoral Internship in Professional Psychology](#)

School Counseling

[Cynthia Topdemir, PhD](#)

Social Work Students

[Lisa Marcri, PhD, MSW](#)

Instructor

USF Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Program: Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Scholar Grant

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: March

Award Amount: Varies; covers tuition, books, stipends, fees, travel and other approved expenses. (Approximately 6 scholarships awarded annually).

Eligibility:

- Applicants are expected to have earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher on all course work beyond 60 credit hours at the bachelor's degree level from a regionally accredited institution.
- Applicants must meet the minimum admission standards for the Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program at the University of South Florida.
- Awards are based upon appropriate match of a person's career objectives in relation to the purpose of the scholarship program. (For detailed information see link below).

PERSONS RECEIVING A SCHOLARSHIP MUST:

- document United States residency or citizenship status
- state an interest in a career in vocational rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities
- agree to complete an internship in an approved Vocational Rehabilitation agency
- agree to the employment obligation described in this summary
- not be concurrently receiving any other federal, state or local public or voluntary agency educational allowance when that allowance is conditional on a conflicting employment obligation
- not be in default on a debt to the federal government under a non-procurement transaction
- not be declared by a judge (under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988) ineligible to receive federal assistance
- be a full-time graduate student in the CRMHC program
- maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or above within the graduate program.

Information:

The RSA awards grants to colleges and universities for providing scholarship assistance to students interested in pursuing careers in rehabilitation, such as rehabilitation counseling, undergraduate education in the rehabilitation services and rehabilitation technology. Students who receive scholarships under this program are required to "pay back" their scholarship through employment in support of the public rehabilitation program. Typical settings include State vocational rehabilitation agencies or agencies or organizations that have service arrangements with State vocational rehabilitation agencies; or Federally-funded centers for independent living. The student is expected to work two years in such settings for every year of full-time scholarship support received. Although this is the primary condition for a scholarship, there are other conditions.

Contact:

[Dr. Tammy Smith](#)

USF Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Program:

Calvin M. Pinkard Scholarship

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: April

Award Amount: Varies

Eligibility:

- The student must have a 3.2 GPA or higher.
- The student must have been in the program for at least one year.
- The student will provide a copy of their CV or resume.
- Applicants must submit a statement of 500 words or less stating how they intend to use the funds and how they plan to use their degree to benefit others in the community. **Note:** this statement will be read/reviewed by the scholarship committee and may be presented to the entire faculty.

Information:

Dr. Calvin Pinkard, Jr. was the founding Chair of the Rehabilitation Counseling Program at USF, where he served as chairman for 30 years. Upon his retirement, Dr. Pinkard was honored with a scholarship in his name for graduate students who were pursuing a degree in Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling and who were involved in community service activities.

Contact:

Dr. Rick Weinberg: weinberg@usf.edu or

Dr. Amanada DePippo: adepippo@usf.edu

**USF Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Program:
Susan D Kelley CRMHC Textbook Scholarship**

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: April

Award Amount: Varies

Eligibility:

This scholarship provides support to defray the cost of textbooks. The award is based on the following criteria:

- The student has been enrolled in the CRMHC program for at least one year.
- The student is not currently on academic probation.
- The student must be receiving Financial Aid.
- The student will provide a copy of their CV or resume.

Information:

Dr. Susan Kelley was a former Director of Graduate Studies and Interim Vice-Chair of the Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Program at USF. During her tenure at USF, Dr. Kelley was active in disability policy work, providing analyses and consultation to advocacy organizations, professional associations, and service providers concerned with the disability perspective in state and national health care reform.

Contact:

Dr. Rick Weinberg: weinberg@usf.edu or

Dr. Amanada DePippo: adepippo@usf.edu

National Scholarships

NBCC Foundation Military Scholarship (Master's)

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: January

Award Amount: \$8,000 (5 scholarships)

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be enrolled in a CACREP-accredited counseling master's program.
- Applicants must be veterans or active-duty U.S. military service members or spouses of a veteran or active-duty U.S. military service member. Veterans must have received an honorable discharge.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled and be in good standing in a CACREP-accredited counseling master's-level program. Applicants must have taken courses during the fall 2018 semester. Applicants may not have a pending status, deferred status, or other future start date for coursework.
- Applicants are expected to graduate by May 2022 (three years from the date of the scholarship funding).
- Eligible applicants must not have an anticipated academic program completion date before December 2019, which will be verified in writing by their academic department.
- Applicants must demonstrate knowledge of and experience with military personnel and families.
- Applicants must commit to becoming board certified by applying for the National Certified Counselor (NCC) credential prior to graduation and to completing the application process.
- Applicants must commit to providing mental health services to service members and/or veterans within one year of graduation and for the duration of a minimum of at least two years post-graduation.

Information:

The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2019 spring military scholarships for service members, veterans, and their spouses pursuing a career in professional counseling. The military scholarship was created to increase the number of counselors available to serve military personnel and families.

These scholarships provide financial support to students who are currently enrolled in a Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)-accredited, master's-level counseling program; are active duty, have served in the military, or are a military spouse; and who commit to serve military personnel within one year of graduation for the duration of a minimum of at least two years post-graduation.

Contact:

See application link above or call 336-232-0376 or email foundation@nbcc.org

NBCC Foundation Rural Scholarship (Master's)

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: January

Award Amount: \$8,000 (5 scholarships)

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be enrolled in a CACREP-accredited counseling master's program.
- Applicants must reside in a rural area as defined by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
- Applicants must be currently enrolled and be in good standing in a CACREP-accredited counseling master's-level program. Applicants must have taken courses during the fall 2018 semester. Applicants may not have a pending status, deferred status, or other future start date for coursework.
- Applicants are expected to graduate by May 2022 (within three years of the date of the scholarship funding).
- Eligible applicants must not have an anticipated academic program completion date before December 2019, which will be verified in writing by their academic department prior to the awarding of funds.
- Applicants must commit to becoming board certified by applying for the National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification prior to graduation and to completing the application process.
- Applicants must commit to providing mental health services in a rural area within one year of graduation and for the duration of a minimum of at least two years post-graduation.

Information:

The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2019 spring rural scholarships for students pursuing a career in professional counseling. The rural scholarships were created to increase the number of counselors available to serve people in rural areas.

These scholarships provide financial support to students who are currently enrolled in a Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)-accredited counseling master's program, live in a rural area, and commit to serve rural populations within one year of graduation for the duration of a minimum of at least two years post-graduation.

Contact:

See application link above or call 336-232-0376 or email foundation@nbcc.org

NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: January

Award Amount: up to \$15,0000

Eligibility:

- [See full details at website](#)

Information:

The National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC) is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation in collaboration with NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The program will administer up to 40 master's-level counseling fellowships of \$15,000 for addictions counseling students, plus the travel expenses to participate in other program-related trainings.

The NBCC MFP helps ensure that the behavioral health needs of all Americans are met, regardless of language or culture, thereby reducing health disparities and improving overall community health and well-being. Minorities include but are not limited to racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, gender, sexual orientation, rural, or military groups. By strategically promoting and providing fellowships to master's-level counseling students, the NBCC MFP strengthens the infrastructure that engages diverse individuals in counseling and increases the number of substance use disorder professional counselors who provide direct substance use disorder services to minority populations. Eligible applicants must demonstrate knowledge of and experience in addictions/substance abuse services to one or more of the following: underserved minority communities, child/adolescent and geriatric groups, minority communities in inner cities and rural areas, minority persons (including LGBT), or those who are veterans or are from military families.

Contact:

See application link above or call 336-232-0376 or email foundation@nbcc.org

NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Mental Health Counselors

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: January

Award Amount: up to \$10,000

Eligibility:

- [See details at website.](#)

Information:

The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2019 application period for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP) for Mental Health Counselors (MHC-M). This program is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The NBCC Foundation will administer up to 30 master's-level counseling fellowships of \$10,000, plus the travel expenses to participate in program-related trainings for mental health counseling students.

The NBCC MFP helps ensure that the behavioral health needs of all Americans are met, regardless of language or culture, thereby reducing health disparities and improving overall community health and well-being. Minorities include but are not limited to racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, gender, sexual orientation, rural, or military groups. By level counseling students, the NBCC MFP strengthens the infrastructure that engages diverse individuals in counseling and increases the number of professional counselors.

Eligible applicants must demonstrate knowledge of and experience with one or more of the following: underserved minority communities, child/adolescent and geriatric groups, minority communities in inner cities and rural areas, minority persons (including LGBT), or those who are veterans or are from military families. Eligible applicants must commit to teach, administer services, conduct research, and/or provide direct mental health counseling to at least one of the above-listed populations.

Contact:

See application link below or call 336-232-0376 or email foundation@nbcc.org

AAMFT Minority Fellowship Program

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: January

Award Amount: starting at \$6,600

Eligibility:

Includes enrolling full-time or part-time for an accredited MFT degree, being U.S. citizens or permanent residents, having AAMFT membership, and showing commitment to serving ethnic minority populations.

Information:

The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Research & Education Foundation hosts the Minority Fellowship Program yearly to provide stipends from \$6,600 to \$36,000 as well as lifetime mentoring to master's and doctoral students of color.

Contact:

AAMFT Minority Fellowship Program 112
South Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 838-9808
foundation@aamft.org

National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: February

Award Amount: Varies

Eligibility:

- Working or planning to work DIRECTLY with children.
- Pursuing graduate level studies for one year in fields which address the special needs of children and youth. Graduate fields of study include, but are not limited to: Counseling, Psychology, Mental Health, Special Education, Speech Pathology, Exceptional Children, Remedial Skills Development, Hearing Impaired, Gifted and Talented, etc. Scholarships are NOT awarded for graduate work in administration or general education.
- A U.S. citizen and a permanent resident of a state with a Junior Auxiliary Chapter: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee.
- Planning to attend a U.S. college or university for full-time or part-time study.

Information:

Begun in 1962, the NAJA Graduate Scholarship Program has awarded more than 552 scholarships totaling \$1,308,504.00 for graduate study in fields which address the special needs of children and youth. The Betty W. Robbins Endowed Scholarship was established in 1995 by the Robbins family in memory of Betty Robbins of Ruston, Louisiana, who served the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc. as Director of Region V, First Vice-President and President (1992-1993). Contributions from Junior Auxiliary Chapters, the National Association, the Robbins family, memorials, and honorary gifts from individuals and groups support the Program.

Scholarships are awarded each April. If more than one Scholarship year is required to complete studies, the recipient may reapply, provided all previous agreements have been fulfilled satisfactorily.

[Contact Link](#)

The Melanie Foundation Scholarship

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: March **Award**

Amount: \$2,500 **Eligibility:**

- Currently enrolled in a graduate program majoring in the mental health field in the United States. Programs must be accredited by one or more of the following credentialing agencies: ACGME, APA, CACREP, CSWE, COAMFTE.
- Provide evidence of past involvement in extracurricular, volunteer, research, and/or career-related activities.

Information:

The Melanie Foundation Scholarship is a \$2,500 scholarship to be awarded to a candidate pursuing a doctoral or master's degree in the mental health field.

Contact:

melaniescholarship@live.com

Look under "Apply for the Scholarship" at <https://www.themelaniefoundation.com/>

Master's Degree Scholarship in Psychology and Counseling

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: April

Award Amount: \$500

Eligibility:

This scholarship program is open to students pursuing Psychology and Counseling master's degrees. Undergraduate students do not qualify. A wide range of degree programs will be considered including but not limited to:

- Clinical Psychology Master's Degrees
- Community Counseling Master's Degrees
- Counseling Psychology Master's Degrees
- Guidance Counseling Master's Degrees
- Mental Health Counseling Master's Degrees
- Marriage and Family Counseling Master's Degrees

Selection is based on academic history, extracurricular activities, and employment history. Eligible students must be full-time students during the academic year the scholarship is received. Financial need is not considered.

Information:

To provide financial assistance to students who are interested in pursuing master level degrees related to Community Counseling, Marriage and Family Counseling, Counseling Psychology, Guidance Counseling, Mental Health Counseling, and Clinical Psychology.

To apply click on the following link and scroll down to "How to Apply."

Future Counselors of America Scholarship

Deadline: June

Award Amount: \$1,000

Eligibility:

Bachelors, masters or doctoral student with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater and who plant to practice relationship counseling.

Information:

Marriage and family majors would be ideal candidates for the \$1,000 Future Counselors of America Scholarship, which is gifted by the website DatingAdvice.com yearly. It's designed for United States bachelor's, master's, or doctoral students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater who plan to practice relationship counseling. Online application instructions include submitting an original essay between 500 and 900 words about psychological issues unique to online dating.

Contact:

Future Counselors of America Scholarship 15 SE
First Avenue Suite B
Gainesville, FL 32601
(888) 217-5962
contact@datingadvice.com

Application:

<https://www.datingadvice.com/scholarship>

Leopold Schepp Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: December

Award Amount: up to \$9,000

Eligibility:

- Must have financial need
- Minimum of 3.3 GPA
- Must provide character references from deans, advisors, professors, teachers, employers and/or personal associates.
- Graduate students apply must be under 40 years of age.
- Must be U.S. citizen
- ***A personal interview in New York City is required of all applicants and travel expenses are not reimbursed.***

Information:

The Schepp Foundation provides undergraduate and graduate student scholarships based on financial need and students of good character.

Contact:

The Leopold Schepp Foundation 950
Third Avenue
31st Floor
New York, NY 10022.

Application:

<https://www.scheppfoundation.org/wp/applying/>

Vet Center Scholarship Program

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: April

Award Amount: up to 2 years of graduate studies

Eligibility:

- Varies according to type of discipline (LPMHC or LMFT)
- Please view eligibility criteria here: [HPSP Programs - Veterans Affairs Scholarship Program \(intelliworx.com\)](https://intelliworx.com)
- Must be willing to serve full-time for 6 years at one of VA's 300 Vet Centers across the country, specifically, in underserved areas and in states with a per-capita population of more than 5% Veterans.

Information:

Vet Centers are community-based counseling centers that provide a wide range of social and psychological services, including professional counseling to eligible Veterans, service members, including National Guard and Reserve components and their families. Vet Center counselors and outreach staff, many of whom are Veterans themselves, are experienced and prepared to discuss the tragedies of war, loss, grief and transition after trauma.

In Fiscal Year 2022, 286,987 Veterans, service members (including members of the National Guard and Reserves) and their families received counseling at VA's 300 Vet Centers, totaling nearly 1.4 million service encounters.

What You Will Need to Apply

The application process requires the student applicant to complete an online application which includes the submission of these requirements:

- Application (Completed by student applicant)
- Academic Verification (Completed by Dean of Program or equivalent)
- Evaluations and Recommendations:
Required: Academic Faculty
Required: Either an Employer/Manager or Other (VA Employee) Required: Supervisor
- Resume
- Transcript
- DD214 (current and former service members)
- SF50 (current and former VA employees)

Research Grants

Violet and Cyril Franks Research Scholarship

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: May

Award Amount: \$5,000

Eligibility:

- Graduate student in good standing at an accredited university
- Demonstrated commitment to stigma issues
- IRB approval must be received from host institution before funding can be awarded if human participants are involved.

Information:

The APF Violet and Cyril Franks Scholarship supports graduate-level scholarly projects that use a psychological perspective to help understand and reduce stigma associated with mental illness. The scholarship helps address research which shows that stigma is a significant barrier to treatment and recovery for many of the 50 million Americans living with mental illness.

Proposals will be evaluated on:

- Conformance with stated program goals
- Quality of proposed work
- Applicant's demonstrated scholarship and competence

[Contact Link](#)

Scott and Paul Pearsall Research Grant

[Application Link](#)

Deadline: October **Award**

Amount: \$10,000 **Eligibility:**

- Be a full-time graduate student in good standing at an accredited university or an early career psychologist (no more than 10 years post-doctoral)
- Have received IRB approval before funding can be awarded if human participants are involved.

Information:

This grant supports graduate and early career work that seeks to increase the public's understanding of the psychological pain and stigma experienced by adults living with visible physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy.

Proposals will be evaluated on:

- Conformance with stated program goals
- Quality of proposed work.
- Preference will be given to proposals that contain a plan to disseminate findings to the public, especially through media organizations such as Entertainment Industry Foundation or Council.

[Contact Link](#)

