

**University Center Scholarship**

**Mental Health Fellowship Application**

**Deadline: June 30, 2025, by 4:59 pm**

**$5000**

The University Center of Lake County mental health fellowship offers tuition assistance; opportunity to work with an academic coach; and networking with Lake County mental health and social services agencies, to students pursuing a mental health graduate degree through one of our member institutions during the 2025 – 2026 academic year. Applicants will be evaluated on the following areas: academic record, financial need, service to community, school activities letters of recommendation, and response to the essay question.

\*Only Complete scholarship application packages will be reviewed.

1. STUDENT INFORMATION (Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Evening)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your parent’s highest level of education? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which district to you work in Lake County as a Paraprofessional? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Should we need to reach you, may we contact your university? Yes No

1. DEMOGRAPHICS: (While information is required, but will not be part of the decision-making process)

Ethnicity:

American Indian / Alaska Native (AIA) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Asian / Pacific Islander (API) \_\_\_\_\_\_

Black Non-Hispanic (BNH) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic (HSP) \_\_\_\_\_\_

White Non-Hispanic (WNH) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Multi-Racial \_\_\_\_\_\_

Choose Not to Respond (CNR) \_\_\_\_\_\_

Age Range:

18 – 21 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 44 –48 \_\_\_\_\_\_

22 – 26 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 49 –53 \_\_\_\_\_\_

27 – 29 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 54 –58 \_\_\_\_\_\_

30 – 33 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 59 –63 \_\_\_\_\_\_

34 – 38 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 64 + \_\_\_\_\_\_

39 – 43 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Choose Not to Respond (CNR)

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Female \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Male \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Choose Not to Respond

1. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Level: Graduate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of university / college you are currently attending:

Name of University Center Council Member university / college you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Status: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you qualify for Federal Financial Aid Assistance? YES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. AWARDS and ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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1. COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

(Name, Start and End Dates)

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1. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

**These should be typed on letterhead stationery, signed, dated withing current academic year and included with the application packet.**

Name(s) of those who are providing the letters of recommendations for you.

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1. ESSAY

Please attach a 300-word essay, typed and double spaced describing your future goals, the significance of being a teacher, reasons for pursuing teaching, school-community connections, and what it means to be a University Center student. We are looking for a well written essay and will consider grammar, content, and your compelling argument.

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this form is correct. I hereby authorize the University Center of Lake County to take, reproduce and use photographs and/or video footage of me, for use of advertising, publicity, commercial or other business purposes (e.g., the University Center website, newsletters, social media etc.).

I understand this authorization will be in effect until revoked in writing and I have read and fully understand the terms of this release.

Applicants Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Policy**

The University Center of Lake County awards a scholarship/fellowship to students who reside or work in Lake County and who are pursuing their graduate program in mental health at a University Center member university.

All fellowship recipients will be required to participate in a mentoring program, attend monthly professional development training, and will be invited to attend the Scholarship/fellowship Awards Ceremony, if unable to attend the recipient should arrange for a representative to attend in their place.

The full tuition assistance amount shall be paid directly to the bursar/financial aid office of the school the student is attending and will be applied towards tuition and fees.

**Fellowship Eligibility Requirements**

To be considered for a University Center of Lake County scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

* Must be interested in working in mental health and social behavioral services in Lake County.
* Accepted into a University Center Member’s University Undergraduate or Graduate program.
* Submit a 300-word essay on future goals, the significance of being a mental health counselor, or social worker, reasons for pursuing this career, school-community connections, and what it means to be a University Center student.
* Provide two letters of recommendation.
* Reside or work in Lake County.
* Include the most recent college transcripts.

**How to Apply**

To apply, please do as follows:

1. Download Fellowship Scholarship Application from [www.ucenter.org](http://www.ucenter.org).
2. Fully complete the application, attach required documents, and scan as a PDF.
3. Send Transcripts
4. Proof of admission to the University Center Council Member university of your choice.
5. Submit ONLY two typed letters of recommendations provided by people not related to the applicant on letterhead, with an original signature, and dated within the current academic year. Letters not to exceed one page.
6. Submit a 300–500-word essay on future goals, the significance of being a teacher, reasons for pursuing teaching, school-community connections, and what it means to be a University Center student.

Please e-mail completed application and all supporting materials to: **Scholarships@ucenter.org**

*Please Note: It is the student’s responsibility that all documents are sent to the University Center of Lake County as required and in a timely manner. Incomplete applications packets or packets received after the deadline will not be notified about missing documents.*

**How the Scholarship is awarded:**

* A selection committee, made up of University Center Board members, will review the fellowship applications.
* The committee will apply the included rubric to qualify the applicants.
* The highest scoring students will be awarded fellowship.
* Incomplete applications will not be given consideration.
* The winners will be officially notified by the University Center Executive Director and Dean.
* The fellowship money **will be sent directly** to the school of the student’s choice in two payments.
* Winner(s) will be required to submit a photograph and short bio for posting on the University Center’s website, scholarship page, and other promotional materials.

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| Criteria | Possible  Points | Reviewer 1 | Reviewer 2 | Reviewer 3 | Reviewer 4 | TOTAL |
| Evaluators Initials |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Service | **20** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Awards and Accomplishments | **10** |  |  |  |  |  |
| GPA | **30** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Essay (Grammar, Content, Compelling Argument Etc.) | **30** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recommendation Letters | **10** |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL POINTS | **100** |  |  |  |  |  |