



Project ACCESS/*Mental Health*
Rural Network Partner Scholarship Program Guidance

In an effort to increase the overall knowledge of professionals on the Palouse, Project ACCESS/*Mental Health* offers limited financial reimbursement scholarships to Rural Network Partners for relevant mental health education including Dementia. While we focus primarily on the needs of senior populations on the Palouse, we also recognize the value of a variety of mental health related topics for professionals. In return for educational awards, scholarship recipients are asked to bring back the information and facilitate informal presentations to other Rural Network Partners. It is our intention to utilize a network of area professionals to increase the body of knowledge and better serve those living on the Palouse.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Education dollars are intended to increase access to the latest information and mental health knowledge for professionals on the Palouse. Course approval varies and the Rural Network Partner Advisory Board will review scholarship requests to determine relevant topics and cost feasibility.

The maximum amount of this scholarship is based on relevance across the Network, the impact of the education on services to seniors, and the commitment of the applicant in sharing the learned information with other professionals. Typically scholarships cover the cost of seminars, conferences, and one-day classes. The actual scholarship Award varies and the average scholarship is \$250.00. Project ACCESS/*Mental health* will work with recipients to schedule a time and place to host an information presentation for other partners. This could include an agency in-service meeting, organized educational presentation, or other forums where agencies are linked and share information.

Project ACCESS/*Mental Health* does not award grants to individuals for the sole purpose of promoting ones own career advancement, fulfilling continuing education requirements, or receiving merit increases, although any of these may be a secondary gain.

APPROVED USES

Project ACCESS/*Mental Health* Rural Network Partners may use scholarship reimbursement dollars for:

Professional seminar registration

Vocational class tuition

Educational opportunities from an accredited institution

Authorized correspondence courses, courses on-line, or courses on CD via computer

Books, software and materials *required* for approved educational endeavors

NON-APPROVED USES

Project ACCESS/*Mental Health* Rural Network Partners may not use scholarship reimbursement dollars for:

Travel, meals and accommodations

Books and supplies not required for completion of the specifically approved education

Non-mandatory tools or supplies retained at home after completion of a course

Professional dues and subscriptions, certifications, certification exams, required professional licensure, or licensure renewals

RECIPIENT OBLIGATION:

For every \$100.00 of awarded scholarship funds, recipient will be required to give back one hour (\$200.00 = 2 hrs, etc.) of organized information sharing with other Rural Network Partners. Also, awardees will be asked to complete a brief evaluation of the course including a 1 paragraph

synopsis of the event. Project ACCESS/*Mental Health* will work to organize and facilitate these presentations.

PROCESS

The Rural Network Partner identifies a class or mental health related seminar she/he is interested in attending and submits the below application to Jeana Dewey, Network Development Coordinator. Jeana will take the application to the advisory board where it will be reviewed by for relevance of the topic, the number of applicants interested in attending, financial feasibility, and the required obligations of the recipient.

The board will make a decision regarding the application within ten days

Upon approval of the scholarship an official contract will be sent to the applicant, specifying the amount of money awarded and the expectations of “training hours”

The applicant is to print off the contract, sign it, and fax it back to Jeana at 280-883-6489

Recipient registers and pays for seminar

Recipient attends seminar

Recipient and Jeana work together to schedule an unofficial educational opportunity

Recipient submits reimbursement form and written summary

Recipient is reimbursed for the cost of the training

Recipient completes unofficial educational opportunity.

TIMELINE

Requests should be submitted to Project ACCESS/*Mental Health* 30 days prior to registration due date.



Project ACCESS/ *Mental Health*
Rural Network Partner Scholarship Program Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Date _____

Name and Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

Rural Network Partner Group (circle)

Social worker

Clergy

Long Term Care Provider

EMS/Emergency Personnel

Primary Care

Mental Health Professional

EVENT INFORMATION:

Name of Training

Facilitating Organization

Date

Location

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Cost of registration

Cost of course materials

Total reimbursement requested

Please answer the following questions in 1-2 pages:

How will this training enhance the current mental health services available to seniors in our area?

What relevance does this training have to your current position?

What other Rural Network Partner groups do you see benefiting from this information and how?

Describe your personal and organizational commitment to making this information available broadly to network members on the Palouse.

**Submit your application and agreement to:
Network Development Coordinator, Jeana Dewey at:
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Moscow, ID 83843
(208) 883-6483 or (208) 283-7818
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