



# ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

## Rehabilitation Counselor Education Program

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Dear Candidate:

The Rehabilitation Counselor Education Program at St. Cloud State University received a federal grant that was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration. The intent of the federal grant is to provide traineeships for students enrolled in an accredited master's program who are working toward a degree in Rehabilitation Counseling.

The grant was awarded for a five-year period, but funding can only be guaranteed for a one-year period of time. Continuation of traineeship awards will depend on the scholar's progress toward degree completion and maintenance of a 3.0 or higher GPA. The traineeship will be automatically withdrawn if any of the above conditions are not met. Traineeships are very competitive, and are administered by the Rehabilitation Counseling program. Applicants must have completed a Bachelor's Degree and be enrolled in (or in application to) the Rehabilitation Counseling program.

The goal of the RSA traineeship program is to increase the number of qualified rehabilitation counselors that support the state-federal rehabilitation programs, or the State Vocational Rehabilitation Services program. Thus, those students who apply for this scholarship should understand that by receiving this grant they must plan to seek employment in a state rehabilitation agency or private agency that has an agreement with a state rehabilitation agency in serving their clientele. (Many types of government and private agencies throughout the country would qualify as state rehabilitation agencies that have agreements with many other agencies and programs).

**If the employment obligation is not fulfilled after the completion of the degree program the funds that have been awarded will have to be repaid to the federal government as specified in the agreement to be signed at the time that the scholarship is awarded. This would be two years of employment for every one year of aid received.**

In awarding this traineeship, priority is given to persons who have a disability or who are from diverse backgrounds. Additionally, consideration may be given due to financial need.

To apply you must meet the following criteria;

1. Be unconditionally admitted into the SCSU Rehabilitation Counseling program.
2. Be a student in good standing (cannot be on any type of academic probation)
3. Submit a completed RSA Scholarship Application.

If you meet the above criteria and wish to apply for the SCSU Rehabilitation Counseling RSA Traineeship, please initial the following statements which are true and verify that you agree to the stated terms.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a US citizen or permanent resident of territories of the United States. If not, I am not a permanent resident of the United States, but I have documentation that verifies I qualify for employment in the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_ I expect to seek or maintain employment in a designated state rehabilitation agency or in a related agency that has an agreement with a designated state agency in serving its clientele. A related agency must have an agreement with the state vocational rehabilitation agency to provide services to people with disabilities, and must be approved by this program. I understand that I will be required to sign a repayment agreement if employment meeting the specified condition is not met.

\_\_\_\_\_ If awarded a scholarship, I will maintain full-time graduate enrollment (a minimum of 8 credits in the Rehabilitation Counseling Program during any semester I receive support. If I do not maintain full-time enrollment, I understand that my payback agreement is two years of service for one year of aid, regardless of the amount of award received.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the amount of the traineeship will be reduced by the amount in which the combined awards would be in excess of the cost of attendance if a traineeship, which added to the amount the trainee is to receive for the academic year under title IV of the Higher Education Act, would otherwise exceed the scholar's cost of attendance.

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

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

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## Rehabilitation Counselor Education Traineeship Application

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:		Tech ID:	
Date of Birth:	SSN:	Phone:	
Current address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Student ID Number:	SCSU Email:		
Credits Anticipated Per Semester at SCSU:			Full/Part Time:
Credits Earned:	Current GPA (attach documentation):		

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Gender:	Number of years experience working with people with disabilities:	Employed 20+ hours per week:
Student of color (optional):	Out-of-state/rural MN resident:	
Student with a disability (optional):		

### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Employer:		
Address:	Phone:	From-To:
Supervisor:	Position Held:	Number Hours/Week:

### COLLEGE EDUCATION

University	Major	Dates

### REFERENCES

Name	Phone
Name	Phone

### OTHER DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH

**Personal Essay:**  
 -Why did you choose Rehabilitation Counseling?  
 -Professional Goals  
 -Reasons why you should be considered for this traineeship?

**Financial Aid Award Letter**  
**Unofficial Academic Transcripts**

Signature of applicant:	Date:
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**INTERVIEW COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

**INTERVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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**INTERVIEW NOTES**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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**Accepted**

**Not Accepted**

Signature of Grant Coordinator or Project Director

Date: