



## **Mental Health America National Certified Peer Specialist (MHA NCPS)**

### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Mental Health America and the Florida Certification Board are pleased to announce a scholarship program for persons seeking the MHA NCPS credential. There are a total of 110 available scholarships for each of the following certification fees:

**Certification Application for \$225.** The Application for Certification fee is \$225. This scholarship provides for the total application fee.

**Certification Exam for \$50.** The Certification Exam fee is \$200. This scholarship provides a \$50 discount. Applicants are responsible for the remaining \$150 exam fee.

The MHA NCPS scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis, so long as the following criteria are met:

1. Applicants must attest to current eligibility for the MHA NCPS credential.
2. The Application scholarship must be used within 120 calendar days of award.
3. The Exam scholarship must be used within 120 days of FCB's approval of the applicant to register for the exam.
4. Scholarships not used within established timeframes will be voided and returned to the "pool" of available scholarships.

MHA NCPS Scholarship Applications may be submitted by US Mail, Fax or email to:

**US MAIL:** FCB ♦ Attn: MHA NCPS Scholarship ♦ 1715 South Gadsden Street ♦ Tallahassee, FL 32301

**FAX:** 850-222-6247 ♦ Attn: MHA NCPS Scholarship

**Email:** [afarrington@flcertificationboard.org](mailto:afarrington@flcertificationboard.org) ♦ Attn: MHA NCPS Scholarship

Please DO NOT submit this cover page with your Scholarship Application (next 2 pages).

The FCB will review applications and notify individuals of the scholarship award within ten (10) business days of receipt.



Mental Health America National Certified Peer Specialist (MHA NCPS) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Directions: Please complete this form to request a MHA NCPS Certification Application and/or Certification Exam scholarship. By completing this form you are attesting that you believe you are eligible for the MHA NCPS credential and agree to apply for MHA NCPS certification within 120 days of scholarship award. Submit this form via US MAIL, FAX or EMAIL as provided on the cover sheet.

Award Criteria:

- US Citizen or otherwise authorized to work in the United States.
• Hold a current state recognized peer specialist credential OR completed an MHA approved training.
• Have 3,000 hours of related work or volunteer experience in the last 6 years.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION\*

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

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please list your name as stated on your official government identification and provide your primary PERSONAL contact information – not your employment contact information.

2. Are you a US Citizen or otherwise authorized to work in the United States? [ ] Yes [ ] No

3. Do you hold a current state recognized peer specialist credential? [ ] Yes [ ] No?

If you answered "yes", please provide the following information. (Attach another sheet if necessary).

Credential Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing Authority Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing Authority City& State: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Please indicate the scholarship you are requesting (select all that apply).**

- \$225 Certification Application Fee Scholarship (covers the entire application fee)
- \$50 Certification Exam Fee Scholarship (covers \$50 of the \$200 exam fee)

**5. Use of Scholarship Funds**

I acknowledge that I understand that there are a maximum of 110 first come, first served scholarships for specified MHA NCPS certification related fees. I understand that if I am awarded scholarship funds, I will have up to 120 calendar days from the date of award to use the Certification Application Fee scholarship, and/or 120 calendar days from notification from the FCB that I am approved to register for the MHA NCPS exam to use the Certification Exam Fee Scholarship.  Yes  No

I further acknowledge that I understand that failure to use scholarship funds within established timelines will result in the scholarship being voided and the funds will return to the “pool” of available scholarships.  Yes  No

**6. Attestation for Eligibility for Certification and Scholarship Funding**

To the best of my knowledge, I have provided Mental Health America and the Florida Certification Board accurate information concerning all questions on this application. I verify that I believe that I am eligible for the MHA NCPS certification because:

- a. I have earned and hold a current state recognized peer specialist credential that required at least 40 hours of peer specialist training AND/OR have completed an MHA-approved peer specialist training course.
- b. I have provided at least 3,000 hours of peer specialist services (paid or volunteer) within the last 6 years.
- c. I can identify at least one professional and one supervisory reference for MHA NCPS certification.
- d. I do not have a criminal background that would prevent me from working with vulnerable populations.
- e. I expect to apply for the MHA NCPS credential within no more than 120 days of approval of scholarship funding.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date

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Date Received:	
Staff Review:	
Amount Awarded:	