**RSA Long-term Training Grant**

**What is the RSA Long-Term Training Grant?**

* It is designed to provide academic training that leads to academic degree or academic certificate in areas of personnel shortages identified by the Secretary and published in a notice in the Federal Register.
* This grant is targeting Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors.

**What does the grant pay for?**

* Tuition and fees
* Books and Supplies
* Travel in conjunction with training assignments
* Student Stipends

**Eligibility Requirements:**

* A U.S. citizen or national, or a lawful resident of the U.S. and eligible to work in the U.S. to fulfill payback agreements, (documentation provided)
* Must confirm interest in the field of rehabilitation
* Individual must seek and maintain employment in designated State agency or related agency (directly related to VR) to fulfill internship and payback agreement obligations.
* Ensure scholarship is reported to financial aid so that it is in compliance with the title IV of the Higher Education Act
* Must have applied and been accepted by the HR Clinical Rehabilitation and Clinical Mental Health Counseling program.
* Must demonstrate the ability to be a successful student in the program (grades, etc.)

**Scholar Expectations:**

* Receive assistance no more than four academic years, but no less than one year.
* Met with Project Director before disbursement of funds to sign payback agreement and every year after (every fall) to resign the agreement and update vendor form.
* Maintain satisfactory progress and maintain enrollment in the program (repeated courses or courses outside of the program will not be funded)
* Maintain contact with Project Director (email, phone, etc.) and provide payback information on employment every year until the payback obligation has been met. If contact is not provided, scholar understands they will be reported for payback.
* Scholar has two year grace period after graduation before employment begins. However, employment will start immediately if secured within the two year period.
* Maintain employment in VR or related agency for period of payback (2 years for every year of grant funding received).
* Submit proper documentation for deferment or exceptions if employment is not maintained based on specific provisions (disability, death, active duty, etc.)

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