



**University Center Graduate  
Mental Health Fellowship Application  
Deadline: September 30, 2025, by 4:59 pm  
\$5,000**

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.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION (Print)

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

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

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

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

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

What is your parents' highest level of education? \_\_\_\_\_

Should we need to reach you, what is the best way to contact you?    Text or Email?

Please provide us with the best number or email to contact you?

\_\_\_\_\_

II. 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

### III. SCHOOL INFORMATION

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### IV. AWARDS and ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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V. COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES  
(Name, Start and End Dates)

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

VI. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

VII. ESSAY

- Please attach a 300-word essay, typed and double spaced describing your 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. 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.
- Must be a graduate student.
- Accepted into a University Center Member's University Graduate program offered at or through the University Center.
- 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. **These should be typed on letterhead stationery, signed, dated within the current academic year and included with the application packet.**
- Must be available to participate in University Center outreach and professional development activities.
- Reside or work in Lake County.
- Include the most recent college transcripts.

## How to Apply

To apply, please do as follows:

1. Download Fellowship 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-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.

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 and Executive staff of the University Center, 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** in two payments to the school of the student's choice. The first payment will be sent at the beginning of the fall semester, and second payment will be sent at the beginning of spring semester. Students must have a passing grade and be in good academic standing for second payment to be released. Payments will be sent directly to the University where a student is enrolled.

- 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.

Criteria	Possible Points	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	TOTAL
Evaluators Initials						
Community Service	<b>20</b>					
Awards and Accomplishments	<b>10</b>					
GPA (2.5-4.00)	<b>30</b>					
Essay (Grammar, Content, Compelling Argument Etc.)	<b>30</b>					
Recommendation Letters	<b>10</b>					
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>					