



**The Family Institute at Northwestern University &
The Center for Applied Psychological and Family Studies**

2021-2022

HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Introduction:

The Family Institute (TFI) is invested in attracting the highest caliber students to our graduate programs. The diversity of students in our programs is crucial to impacting the field of behavioral health at large. In order to reach clients with needs spanning the behavioral health spectrum, the field needs clinicians who come from a wide variety of backgrounds, with a range of experiences and perspectives.

A generous donation from the Harris Family Foundation and Irving Harris Foundation is aimed at increasing opportunities for traditionally underrepresented students in the educational programs at The Family Institute at Northwestern University. The Harris Scholarship provides \$25,000 per year toward tuition for each of the two years the recipient studies and trains at TFI. Two scholarships are available for each incoming class in 2019-2020 for the on-ground programs in Master of Arts in Counseling or Master of Science in Marriage & Family Therapy.

Prospective students are eligible to apply for a Harris Scholarship along with their program application to either Master of Arts in Counseling or Master of Science in Marriage & Family Therapy. Applicants representing racial and ethnic minorities are strongly encouraged to apply for these scholarships. A preference is given to Black and Latino/a applicants

Scholarship awards are mostly based on the following criteria,

- (a) demonstration of academic excellence and achievement;
- (b) articulation of plans to serve under-resourced/underserved communities upon graduation

Awardees will commit to working in an underserved community in Chicago or another urban location for at least one year following graduation. Recipients will be notified that they have received a Harris Scholarship at the same time as they are admitted to the program.

Application:

I am applying for the Harris Scholarship along with admission to the following educational program:

- Counseling (On-campus)
- Marriage and Family Therapy

Section 1: Applicant Information			
Name	Date of Birth	Phone	
Address	City	State	Postal Code
Email	Race/ Ethnicity	Gender	

Section 2: Financial Information			
Marital Status		Number of Dependents	Dependents Ages
Project your income, expenses and the support you will receive during your first year in the program beginning in 2018. You may attach a separate document with details of your income, expenses and support.			
Monthly Income		Monthly Expenses	
Annual Gross Salary – Self	\$	Rent/Mortgages	\$
Annual Gross Salary – Spouse	\$	Loan Payments	\$
Real Estate Income	\$	Medical Bills	\$
Other Income (Explain Below)	\$	Insurance	\$
		Other Expenses (explain)	\$
Total Monthly Income	\$	Total Monthly Expenses	\$
Indicate the amount in each category below.		Indicate the amount of support from parent/partner/other.	
Savings		Tuition Support	
Other Assets		Living Expenses Support	
Car Year/Model		Other Support (Explain)	
Attach a copy of the IRS 1040 income tax form that you submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for the most recent year.			

Section 3: Scholarship Essay
<p>Write an essay not to exceed two typed pages describing how your interests and career goals in counseling, or marriage and family therapy will advance the Harris Foundation’s goals of increasing mental health services to underserved communities in Chicago, and improving mental health care for racial/ ethnic minority communities in our society. Describe how your interests, career goals, background, and cultural identity will contribute to this furthering this goal. You may wish to discuss how your ethnic/cultural identity informs your professional interests, and share any related pre-professional experiences you have had which contribute to your ability to make a meaningful impact of the delivery of mental health services to under-resourced racial/ethnic minority communities.</p>

Section 4: Statement of Agreement

I understand that the information provided in this application will be used exclusively for the purpose of determining scholarship assistance. I have a special interest in working with under-resourced/underserved populations.

I understand that certain allocated funds established to provide these scholarships require that I do the following:

- 1. Participate in a Family Institute and Harris Foundation activities designated for Harris scholars.**
- 2. Work with program faculty in the Marriage and Family Therapy program or the Counseling program to maximize education and clinical training opportunities related to serving racial/ethnic minority communities.**
- 3. Work with an under-resourced/underserved population following graduation.**

I further understand that if my status changes including but not limited to (1) satisfactory academic and clinical performance, (2) financial circumstances, and (3) inability to participate in Family Institute community settings, the scholarship assistance may be withdrawn. I agree to immediately report any change of my status to the Counseling Program Director.

I attest that all of the information submitted in support of this scholarship request is true and accurate.

Type Signature

Date

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