

The Counseling Program at Governors State University is proud to announce being recipients of the Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students (SDS). This is a federal grant that allows GSU to provide over 2 million dollars in grants to counseling students who meet the economic criteria to be eligible from the years **2016-2020**. Students must fill out a FAFSA form, the counseling program application for SDS, and maintain the eligibility requirements each semester. Once awarded, students will receive SDS funds until they graduate as long as monies continue to be awarded by the federal government and the student continues to meet the [eligibility requirements](#).

Students (even ones who have already been awarded monies) must re-apply by July 1 for the Fall semesters and November 20th for the Spring semesters. Please use the following link to apply:

[GSU SDS Application](#)

We also have the Behavioral Workforce Stipend, which gives students \$10,000 for internship, free training materials on trauma and integrated primary care, free training on trauma and integrated primary care, and \$1,500 toward attending a conference. **Students must be starting internship in the Spring**. Students will receive half of the funds in their first internship and the other half in their second semester of internship.

Participants must agree to:

- Learn about trauma across the lifespan and integrated primary care.
- Attend 3 workshops at GSU (grant will pay for the workshops—no cost to student).
- Attend once-a-month meetings (some will be online and some will be in-person)
- Attend a conference in your professional field (each student will receive up to \$1,500 to cover the costs of the conference, travel, and food).
- Agree to provide the program with information about your job post- graduation.
- Complete an online trauma training (the cost will be covered by the grant—no cost to student).

[Behavioral Workforce Application](#)

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