



**18th ANNUAL NAMRC TRAINING CONFERENCE
JULY 28-30, 2011 ♦ Hyatt Regency Atlanta ♦ Atlanta, GA**

**2011 National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns
*Scholarship Award***

Purpose: To support minority students who are pursuing careers in rehabilitation counseling and related fields.

Eligibility: All applicants must be NAMRC members and racial/ethnic minority students who are enrolled in undergraduate or CORE accredited graduate rehabilitation counseling programs, or in an accredited program in a related field.

Selection Criteria: At the graduate level, a minimum of 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale OR at the undergraduate level, a minimum of 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale. All applicants must submit a four to six (4-6) page response to an essay question developed by the Scholarship Committee focused on multicultural issues. Applicants will need to submit three (3) letters of recommendation to be reviewed by the NAMRC Scholarship Committee. Lastly, as an award winner, an agreement must be made to attend and present a paper at the 2011 NAMRC Conference.

Award Amounts: The amount of \$1,000 will be provided to an undergraduate and/or graduate recipient.

Process: Applicants must complete a scholarship application, including a brief statement of current grants, scholarships and financial aid, an official transcript, a response to the essay question and three (3) letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must come from the following sources: **A)** an educator in the field rehabilitation counseling or related area; **B)** a community sponsor who is knowledgeable about the student in an employment or volunteer capacity; and **C)** other (non-relative) letter of applicant's choice.

Essay Question:

All applicants must respond to the following question:

“Multicultural persons with disabilities are purported to face unique barriers affecting their employment and integration into society. What do you consider to be their most significant barriers, and how as a rehabilitation professional and change agent might you help overcome them?”

Applications must be received no later than Monday, March 7, 2011. Award recipients will be notified by April 15, 2011 and the awards will be formally presented at the 2011 NAMRC National Conference held July 28-30 in Atlanta, Georgia.

**For additional applications and information, visit the NAMRC website at www.namrc.org and click on the

Awards and Scholarships Link. Contact Scholarship Committee Chair, Dion Porter, Ph.D., at dion.porter@jsums.edu, or (601) 906-4445 for any additional inquiries.

**2011 National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns
Scholarship Award Application
Due March 7, 2011**

(Type or print clearly using black ink)

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ e-mail _____

My minority racial/ethnic identification is:

____ African-American/Black ____ Asian

____ Latino/Hispanic ____ American Indian/Alaskan Native

____ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

____ Other (Specify) _____

Are you a student member of NAMRC? Yes _____ No _____ Membership # _____

I am applying for the *Undergraduate* _____ *Graduate* _____ award (check one)

My current GPA is _____ based on _____ credit hours earned to date.

**** (A statement of current grants, scholarships and financial aid, as well as an official copy of your transcript/an official letter/document from the university/college registrar's office indicating that you are currently enrolled at the institution this academic term must accompany the application.)**

Name of institution of current enrollment: _____

Address _____

Is the rehabilitation program CORE accredited? Yes _____ No _____

Name of Coordinator/Director/Chair of Program: _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____

Academic advisor _____ Telephone number _____

References (Provide information regarding the individuals who will be submitting letters of recommendation in support of your application. All letters must be received by the deadline.)

Educator in the field of Rehabilitation Counseling or related area.

Name _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

Community Sponsor

Name _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

Other

Relationship _____

Name _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

If selected as an award recipient, it is understood that attendance and presentation of the paper is required at the annual NAMRC Conference to be held July 28-30 in Atlanta, GA.

Signature indicates that _____ “has read, understands and will abide by the scholarship eligibility requirements as outlined above. I understand that failure to fulfill all obligations or falsification of information will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.”

****Requirement**

Applicants are required to submit a scholarly written four to six (4-6) page paper, responding to a selected question developed by the scholarship committee related to multicultural issues. Quotes or citations of other's work should be appropriately credited/documented.

Essay Question:

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Plagiarism will not be tolerated; when found, applicant will be disqualified from consideration.

Submit one hard copy or one electronic copy in Word format or PDF to:

NAMRC Scholarship Committee
c/o Dr. Dion Porter, Chair
Jackson State University
P.O. Box 17122
Jackson, MS 39217
dion.porter@jsums.edu

The deadline for submission of all materials is Monday, March 7, 2011.

Recipients will be notified by April 15, 2011.