



Madera County

Scholarship Opportunity for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification

Description:

The California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) is invested in supporting workforce and development in the public behavioral health system. **Madera County** is identifying individuals for a scholarship opportunity for certification for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists. The scholarship covers all application, training, and exam costs. For individuals seeking certification through the grandparenting process, the scholarship covers costs for application and examination.



How?

- ❑ Contact us at 209 E. 7th Street Madera Ca 93638
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Requirements for Certification:

- Must be at least 18 years of age. Proof of age is required (state or government-issued photo identification, such as driver's license, identification card, and passport).
- Possess a high school diploma, general equivalency degree (GED) or college degree. Submission of diploma or transcripts are required.
- Self-identify as having experience with the process of recovery from mental illness or substance use disorder, either as a consumer of these services or as the parent, caregiver, or family member of a consumer.
- Be willing to share one's experience as a person with lived experience and recovery to help others.
- Have a strong dedication to recovery.
- Agree, in writing, to the Medi-Cal Code of Ethics
- Watch the Orientation and Self-Assessment video prior to submitting application (approximately 30-minutes in length).
- Submit a complete application within the open scholarship application timeframe, as noted above.
- Response to narrative question scholarship will be evaluated.
- Pass the state exam.

Processing Scholarships:

- The California Mental Health Services Authority as the Certifying Entity for certification of Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists will process all applications.
- CalMHSA will receive names of applicants for scholarships from the County Behavioral Health liaison.



Scholarship Application Timeline:

May 2, 2022- Scholarship applications open for individuals seeking certification under the grandparenting process.

July 1, 2022- Scholarship applications for individuals seeking initial certification, not through the grandparenting process.

November 30, 2022- Scholarships must be used by November 30, 2022. Expired scholarships will be forfeited and considered expired/invalid. No extensions will be granted for expiration of scholarships.

Visit the certification program website at CalMHSA.org.