CRSP Scholarship

Information Session

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Welcome!

In a groundbreaking move to support our dedicated graduates, Consumer Connections is excited to announce a new initiative that will remove financial barriers to professional growth. Thanks to generous funding from the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (NJ DMHAS), we are proud to cover the application fee for the Certified Recovery Support Practitioner (CRSP) credential for all eligible Consumer Connections graduates.

Eligibility

Eligibility criteria have been established to ensure fairness and align with the requirements set by the Certification Board.

Scholarship Types

What is the applicant's credential status?

Initial Certification

Recertification

Expired Certification

Eligibility for Initial Certification of CRSP

Does the applicant have 500+ hours of approved peer work experience in the past 3 years?

Yes

No

Eligible for CRSP Scholarship

When did the

applicant

go through

Core

Training?

2020 or later

Prior to 2020

Eligible for CRSP Scholarship after completing required work experience

Applicant must redo Core Training and complete 500 hours of approved peer work experience within 3 years of CRSP application

Eligibility Recertification of CRSP

Does the applicant have 24+ hours of approved continuing education during the recertification period?

Yes

Eligible for CRSP Scholarship

No

Eligible for CRSP scholarship **AFTER** completing 24 hour continuing education requirement

Eligibility for Expired CRSP

How long has the credential been expired? less than 24 months Does the applicant have 24+ hours of approved continuing education during the recertification period?

Yes

Applicant is eligible for CRSP Scholarship and reinstatement

No

Applicant is eligible for CRSP
Scholarship and reinstatement AFTER
completing 24 hour continuing
education requirement

24 months or longer

Applicant must restart process as an initial certification

Application Process

- The scholarship application is an online form accessible on the MHANJ website.
- The application will be open continuously, and interested individuals can apply at any time.
- Scholarships will be approved on a rolling basis with a 7-10 business day turnaround time.

Scholarship Agreement

- Approved applicants must complete a Scholarship Agreement form
- Responsibilities include notifying Consumer Connections of their status and working collaboratively on the application process
- Scholarship recipients are required to respond to any requests for updates or status from Consumer Connections within a reasonable timeframe
- Recipients must provide all necessary documentation as required for the application process and ongoing updates

Payments

Consumer Connections will facilitate direct payments to the Certification Board on behalf of CRSP Scholarship recipients. The payment process aims to ensure seamless financial support for individuals pursuing the Certified Recovery Support Practitioner credential.

Temporary Reimbursement Policy

In recognition of the budget approval effective July 1, 2023, and the official implementation of the CRSP Scholarship policy on January 1, 2024, Consumer Connections will provide an interim reimbursement process for eligible individuals who incurred credentialing fees between July 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023.

This interim addendum aims to bridge the gap between the budget approval and the official implementation date, providing support to individuals who incurred certification fees during this period

Temporary Reimbursement Policy

- For fees incurred between 7/1/23 and 12/31/23
- Individuals seeking reimbursement must have met the eligibility criteria outlined in the official CRSP Scholarship policy.
- Consumer Connections will reimburse eligible individuals for the \$175
 application fee paid for CRSP certification. Credit card processing fees or late
 fees incurred during the payment process will not be reimbursed.
- Proof of certification and payment for certification during the specified period must be provided.

Next Steps

 Apply for the scholarship at https://tinyurl.com/CRSPScholarship



• Email us at <u>Consumerconnections@mhanj.org</u> for reimbursement requests