



## Sacramento County Behavioral Health

# Scholarship Opportunity for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification

\*Deadline to apply: 11/30/2022

### Description:

The California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) is invested in supporting workforce and development in the public behavioral health system. **Sacramento 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?

- ❑ Please submit your name (first, middle initial, last) and Date of Birth (m/dd/yyyy), and a good number to reach you via email to MHSA at [MHSA@saccounty.gov](mailto:MHSA@saccounty.gov)

## 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:

**Wednesday, November 30, 2022-** Scholarship applications open for individuals seeking certification under the Grandparenting and Initial process.

**Saturday, December 31, 2022-** Scholarships must be used by. Expired scholarships will be forfeited and considered expired/invalid.

**No extensions will be granted for expiration of scholarships.**

Visit the certification program website at [CA Peer Certification](#).