

# FULL-TUITION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

From

## **The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health 2009-2010**

The Hogg Foundation is offering full-tuition scholarships to incoming Fall 2009 graduate social work students who are:

- Committed to pursuing a social work career in mental health after graduation- “mental health” is interpreted broadly
- Bilingual (fluent in Spanish)
- Agree to a 2-year service “payback” by providing bilingual (Spanish) mental health services in Texas

The scholarship is available to all accredited MSW programs in Texas.

- Application and “Questions and Answers” follows.
- Application deadlines for Fall 2009 – **JULY 30, 2009**
- Application deadlines for Spring 2010 – DECEMBER 1, 2009

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**Certification (must be signed by all applicants)**

I understand that if I receive this scholarship, I am committing to the signing of an agreement with the Hogg Foundation of Mental Health to deliver bilingual (Spanish) mental health services after graduation within the State of Texas equivalent to the length of time funded by the scholarship.

I understand that I will be required to attend an annual meeting in Austin with other scholarship recipients and personnel from participating Texas schools of social work.

If selected as a finalist, I understand an interview may be required to determine fluency in Spanish.

I certify that the information on this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission for this information to be released to the funding source of this scholarship. I also understand that furnishing false information may result in revocation of my financial aid or may result in other disciplinary action.

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Applicant's signature

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Date

## **Questions and Answers about the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Bilingual Scholarship Program Texas A&M University-Commerce**

### **What is the bilingual scholarship program?**

The [Hogg Foundation for Mental Health](#) in Austin, Texas has launched a groundbreaking bilingual scholarship program that will award an estimated \$1 million in the next three years to Spanish-speaking students at accredited graduate social work programs in Texas. The new statewide program is the first of its kind in Texas and possibly in the U.S.

### **What's the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health?**

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health is dedicated to improving the mental health of all Texans. The foundation achieves this mission through grant-making, consumer involvement, research, public policy and education activities in Texas. Created in 1940 by Miss Ima Hogg, daughter of former Texas Governor James Stephen Hogg, the foundation is part of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at The University of Texas at Austin.

### **Why did the foundation create the program?**

The demand for bilingual social workers is greater than ever. Studies have shown that populations of color are under-represented in social work and other mental health professions. As a result, these populations are far less likely to receive effective mental health services that meet their cultural and linguistic needs.

The foundation is launching the scholarship program to raise awareness of the need for more cultural and linguistic diversity in the state's mental health workforce while beginning to meet that need. The program also will help build cultural and linguistic diversity in higher education programs for mental health professions.

### **How does the program work?**

Beginning in 2008-2009, the foundation is offering up to \$22,000 in scholarship funds at each of the 11 Texas graduate social programs that are accredited or awaiting accreditation by the national [Council on Social Work Education](#).

The schools must use the scholarship funds to cover full tuition and fees for graduate student recipients. Actual numbers of full tuition scholarships awarded by the foundation each year may vary, depending on the number of students receiving the scholarships at each graduate school.

### **What languages are included in the program?**

Graduate students who are fluent in Spanish and English may apply for the scholarships. The foundation chose these languages because the need in Texas for more mental health professionals who speak Spanish is clear.

Latinos represent the state's largest ethnic population. Spanish is the second-most common language in Texas and was the primary language spoken at home by 6.2 million people in Texas in 2006, according to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#).

The bureau also [reported](#) in May 2008 that:

- Texas had the second-largest Hispanic population (8.6 million people) in the U.S. in 2007.
- From 2006 to 2007, Texas had the largest increase in Hispanic population (308,000 people).
- Hispanics accounted for 36 percent of the total population in Texas in 2007.

### **When will the scholarship program begin?**

The foundation will begin awarding scholarships for the fall 2008 semester and will continue in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

### **What are the criteria for awarding the scholarships?**

Scholarship recipients must be fluent in Spanish and English and commit to work in Texas after graduation providing mental health services for a period equal to the timeframe of the scholarship. Additional Texas A&M-Commerce Department of Social Work criteria include:

- Meet all admissions requirements for the Graduate School and the Social Work program.
- For Fall 2009,, submit all Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Bilingual Scholarship materials electronically by **July 30, 2009**
- Be available for an interview to assess Spanish language fluency

**How will the language fluency of applicants be assessed?**

Each school will develop a process for assessing the linguistic fluency of applicants. Students may be interviewed to assess Spanish language fluency.

**What expenses will be covered by the scholarship?**

The Hogg Foundation requires schools to use the scholarship funds to cover full tuition and fees for graduate student recipients. Funds will not cover books, housing or other living expenses.

**Can I receive a scholarship if I'm a part-time student?**

New TAMU-C students who enroll as part-time students are eligible for consideration.

**Can I apply for a scholarship if I'm already a student in the program?**

No, only new students will be eligible for the scholarships.

**Can I qualify for a scholarship if I'm entering an advanced standing one-year MSW graduate program?**

New TAMU-C full- or part-time advanced standing students are eligible for consideration.

**Who will select the scholarship recipients?**

Schools will submit their scholarship nominees to the Hogg Foundation, which will make the final determination.

**When is the application deadline?**

The scholarship application deadline for fall 2009 is **July 30, 2009**.

**When will the scholarship recipients be announced?**

The foundation plans to announce scholarship recipients in August.

**How do I apply?**

At TAMU-C, to apply for the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Bilingual Scholarship Program, students must submit the scholarship application, a current resume and a three page essay. In order to be considered, finalists may be required interview by phone or in person..

**For additional information, please refer to the following websites:**

Hogg Foundation for Mental Health: <http://www.hogg.utexas.edu/>

TAMU-C Department of Social Work: <http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/socialwork>