

## SCHOLARSHIP FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS 2010/2011

### Department of Health & Human Services

Please be aware that this scholarship is **available to Clinical Psychology from the American Psychological Association Approved Program and student in the Marriage and Family Therapy Program** Students in Organizational, MBA or GSOE students are not eligible for SDS Consideration. BY THE RULES OFHHS.)

Applicant's Printed Name Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

Alliant International University Campus Social Security Number Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

#### Guidelines for Awarding Funds

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) grant requires that students meet two criteria in addition to being U.S. citizens or permanent residents, enrolled full-time in an eligible program, and making satisfactory academic progress.

1 Students must currently have financial need — the terms of their grant specifically state that Alliant International University must award eligible students in order of greatest need.

1 They must be disadvantaged according to the definition used by the program: "For the purposes of the SDS program an individual from a disadvantaged background is one who comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skill, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school or from a program providing education or training in an allied health profession(s)."

HHS regulations require institutions to document all eligibility criteria for each SDS awardees before funds can be released. Some information may already be part of your admission and/or financial aid file but you may be asked to provide specific documentation to support your application. **All SDS applicants should submit a photocopy of their parents' 2009 federal individual income tax return or documentation of the income and benefit(s) listed in the Parental Income information section.**

Alliant International University uses the following as criteria to document qualification for SDS funding in the Clinical Psychology and Marriage and Family Therapy student population.

**Please check those that apply to you and provide a short comment on each particular criterion you meet (use back of page).**

1 a) Student is Native American, Pacific Islander, African-American, Latino/Mexican-American, Latino/Puerto Rican, Latino/Cuban, Southeast Asian,

AND either comes from a low socioeconomic background (e.g., with a history of high financial need/high undergraduate debt, or parental income under \$29,140 [for 09-10 and for 10-11] per year for a household of two a) or has an undergraduate GPA below 3.0.

1 b) Student has a documented disability (learning or physical) AND either comes from a low socioeconomic background (e.g., with a history of high financial need/high undergraduate debt, or parental income under \$29,140 for a household of two a) or has an undergraduate GPA below 3.0.

1 c) Student is an immigrant from a non-English speaking country (with English as a second language) AND either comes from a low socioeconomic background (e.g., with a history of high financial need/high undergraduate debt, or parental income under \$29,140 per year for a household of two a) or has an undergraduate GPA below 3.0.

1 d) Student either needed to delay higher education until later in life or had a longer path to achieve his/her undergraduate degree (multiple schools, first attained AA in later life) or is the first in the family to pursue graduate education AND has a history of high financial need/high undergraduate debt.

**Parental Income Information (required for SDS applicants only):** Although graduate/professional students are considered independent from their parents for financial aid purposes, the SDS program requires that participating schools collect and assess parents' financial information in determining the relative financial need of all applicants. Please complete the items below with your parents' information. Do not delay the completion of this application to obtain this information; you may estimate income figures as best you can and advise Alliant International University Financial Aid Services of any revisions in writing.

**Your SDS application will not be accepted if this section is left blank.**

- a) Parent(s) 2009 Taxable Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Parent(s) 2009 Untaxed Income and Benefits: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Social Security Benefits \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC/ADC) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Child Support Received for all Children \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- f) Other Untaxed Income and Benefits \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Household Size \_\_\_\_\_

Include payments to tax-deferred pension and saving plans; other welfare benefits; workers' compensation; veterans non-education benefits, e.g., Death Pension, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC), etc.; housing, food, and other living allowances (excluding rent subsidies for low-income housing) paid to members of the military, clergy, etc. (including cash payments and cash value of benefits); cash or any money paid on your parent(s) behalf; and any other untaxed income and benefits not included above. Write in the total number of dependents as listed on your parents' Federal Income Tax Return for the 2008 tax year.

If both of your parents are deceased or if for any reason you cannot obtain this information, please provide a brief explanation:  
comment(s)

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The selection of SDS recipients is not finalized until late Fall of the award year. Recipients should not anticipate having funds credited to their accounts until after the start of the Fall semester. Alliant International University attempts to provide all SDS applicants with an update concerning the selection process and the status of funding for the grant in general. **All SDS applicants should submit a photocopy of their parents' 2009 federal individual income tax return or documentation of the income and benefit(s) listed in item Parental Income information.**