



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS

FLORIDA

John A. Orphanidys Scholarship Fund 2014 Scholarship Application

Statement of Purpose

John A. Orphanidys was a leader in private sector vocational rehabilitation services in Florida. John served as past president of the Florida Chapter of the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP). He had a passion for student development and mentoring. His commitment to the development of new rehabilitation counselors was reflected in his leadership to establish the first scholarship fund for IARP – Florida, which was posthumously renamed in his honor in 2014. The John A. Orphanidys Scholarship Fund was established to recognize Florida vocational rehabilitation graduate students who have expressed a commitment to work in private vocational rehabilitation.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must be a 2nd year graduate student.
2. Applicant must be enrolled in a CORE accredited Rehabilitation Counseling graduate training program.
3. Applicant must have a cumulative 3.5 GPA in graduate school.
4. Applicant must have an interest in entering private vocational rehabilitation following completion of graduate school.

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy

The International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin.

Selection Process

Each scholarship application will be reviewed by the entire scholarship committee. Applications will be discussed and awards made based upon the composite of the application.

2014 Award Schedule

1. ***First Award:*** Attendance at the IARP National Conference in San Diego, CA. The award includes airfare, hotel, and per diem for meals and miscellaneous expenses.
2. ***Four Runner up Awards:*** One year paid professional membership in IARP, to include state membership for the Florida IARP chapter.

Applicant Basic Information

Please provide the following applicant basic application information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of College or University: _____

Major Program: _____

Expected graduation date: _____

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Application Essay

Prepare an essay (not to exceed 1,000 words) that addresses the following questions:

- What is your personal life narrative that has led to you enrolling in a Rehabilitation Counseling graduate training program?
- How did you become interested in private vocational rehabilitation practice, and what are your long term career goals and objectives?

Faculty Letter of Recommendation

You must include one letter of recommendation from a faculty member who has had you as a past or current graduate student. The letter of recommendation should address the following:

- Your ethical and moral character as a student
- Your potential for successful practice in the field of Rehabilitation Counseling

Graduate School Transcript

You must include an official or unofficial graduate school transcript showing ALL courses you have completed, as well as your cumulative graduate school grade point average.

Acknowledgements

1. *Student: I confirm I have read the entire application. I have personally completed this application and the application essay.*

Student signature

Date

2. *Faculty Advisor or department chair: I confirm this student is currently a 2nd year graduate student in a Rehabilitation Counseling graduate program, and is currently carrying a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.*

Faculty Advisor or Department Chair signature

Date

Submission Checklist

A complete application package must include the following:

- Read the entire application.
- Complete the *Applicant Basic Information* section of the application.
- Complete the *Application Essay*. Ensure your essay includes your name.
- Include the *Faculty Letter of Recommendation*. Ensure the letter includes your name.
- Include a graduate school academic transcript showing ALL courses completed and your cumulative grade point average.
- You as the applicant have signed the *Acknowledgement*
- Your faculty advisor or department chair has signed the *Acknowledgement*

Submission

Completed applications shall be submitted in hardcopy or electronically. However, you choose to submit your application; you must ensure all required documents are included in the submission. Only fully completed applications will be evaluated by the scholarship committee. The committee will not request additional information if the initial application is incomplete. **All Applications must be received by September 1, 2014.** Applications are to be submitted to:

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