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**To:** MassHire Workforce Board Chairs  
MassHire Workforce Board Directors  
MassHire Career Center Directors  
MassHire Fiscal Officers  
MassHire DCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Beth Goguen, Director  
MassHire Department of Career Services

**Date:** December 4, 2025

**Subject:** **Applications Now Open - Behavioral Health Workforce Scholarship Program**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services has opened the second round of applications for the graduate-level Behavioral Health Workforce Scholarship program.

**Background:** The behavioral health workforce scholarships are funded by the Behavioral Health Trust and provide direct financial support to graduate-level students pursuing careers in behavioral health fields.

The application period is now open through January 20, 2026 at [Office of Student Financial Assistance / Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#).

Scholarships are available to actively enrolled full-time and part-time students pursuing master's degrees and graduate level certificates in a range of behavioral

health programs including social work, mental health counseling, substance use counseling, and mental health nursing programs.

Awards are up to \$12,500 for eligible students for the 2025-2026 academic year. Students who received funding last year must re-apply and may be eligible for a second year of funding, up to \$25,000 per student.

More details on the second round of the Behavioral Health Workforce Scholarship program are available here: [Healey-Driscoll Administration Invests \\$25 Million to Support the Behavioral Health Workforce in Massachusetts | Mass.gov](#).

**Action**

**Required:** Please share the information about the application for the second round of graduate-level [Behavioral Health Workforce Scholarship](#) program with staff and partners.

**Effective:** Immediately

**Inquires:** Please contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at (617) 391-6070 or [osfa@osfa.mass.edu](mailto:osfa@osfa.mass.edu) .