

## **SAMPLE - Los Angeles County DMH Stipend Application - SAMPLE**

In order for you to successfully complete the *LAC DMH 2023-24 Stipend Application* in one sitting, we encourage you to review the requested fields in the *Application* and prepare your answers and your essay responses beforehand. Please note that you will not be able to save your entries in the *Application* to revisit it once you submit it.

There are three parts to the *Application*:

### **Part One – Applicant Identifying Information**

Information required includes full name, address, personal and school email addresses, school name, degree completing, and date of degree conferral.

In addition, there are two items you need to complete stating “Yes” in order to proceed to the next part. These items assert your knowledge that if awarded a stipend you will have a one-year employment obligation working in the LAC DMH delivery system; and that you declare that you can work legally in the United States.

- All fields are required. The system won’t allow you to proceed to the next section until all fields are answered.
- Be sure to provide two different emails to ensure successful communication.
- Note that in the past, applications with incomplete or incorrectly filled fields were disqualified.

### **Part Two – Qualifications and Experience**

To fulfill the objectives of the LAC DMH Stipend Program, applicants will be scored on a weighted scale according to the extent to which they meet the county’s desired qualifications. Make sure you read the objectives and goals of the county’s stipend program provided on the website which also lists the qualifications and experiences the LA County is seeking from student applicants.

Below are the required items. If you checked “Yes” to any items 1 thru 9, you are required to provide the information requested.

1. I have prior or current employment experience at an LA County DMH directly operated or contracted agency.

Agency name/city:

2. I completed or have current field/practicum training at an LA County DMH directly operated or contracted agency:

Agency name/city:

3. I completed or have current field/practicum training at a LA County community site (non – DMH) with significant direct service experience that will translate to provision of services within the DMH delivery system:

Agency name/city:

3a. If you answered yes to item #3, briefly (in 50 words or less) describe the client population in your LA County community site and the clinical services you provided:

- Note that this field is required ONLY for applicants in a non-DMH field/practicum site.

4. Besides English, I can provide clinical services to consumers in one (or two) of the threshold languages identified by LA County. *Skip to question 5 if you cannot provide clinical services in a language other than English.*

- Note that the LA County’s 13 threshold languages, spoken primarily by LA County residents, are listed on the website. English is *not* a threshold language.

4a. My threshold language is:

4b. My second threshold language is:

5. I can provide culturally competent services to consumers living in underserved and/or underrepresented communities.

5a. Briefly (in 50 words or less) give an example(s) of the underserved and/or underrepresented communities you can competently serve?

6. I have experience providing field-based services to consumers.

6a. If answered yes to #6, briefly (in 50 words or less) describe the field-based services you provided and the client population you served:

7. I have experience serving older adults due to my field/practicum training and/or educational specialization other than curriculum courses.

7a. If answered yes to #7, briefly (in 50 words or less) describe your experience serving older adults:

8. I have experience serving the unhoused population due to my field/practicum training and/or educational specialization other than curriculum courses.

8a. If answered yes to #8, briefly (in 50 words or less) describe your experience serving the unhoused population:

9. I have experience serving veterans due to my field/practicum training and/or educational specialization other than curriculum courses.

9a. If answered yes to #9, briefly (in 50 words or less) describe your experience serving the veteran population:

### **Part Three: Essays**

Provide your written responses to the following essays. Your responses should include information that convey and support the qualifications you provided in Part Two. For example, if you stated in item 4 that you have a threshold language, make sure you include in your essays how you have, in fact, used that language in clinical practice.

Each essay response should be within 200 words. Text over 200 words will not be considered or included in the scoring.

Below are the requested essays:

- Note that the system will not count or limit the number of words. Prepare your essay responses prior to completing the *Application* assuring that they are within the maximum number of words.

10. Describe your professional interest, commitment, and passion for working within the LAC DMH delivery system.

11. Describe your **personal background and individual strengths** that will help you integrate and apply knowledge to work in public mental health settings.

12. Describe your **work experience** that will help you integrate and apply knowledge to work in public mental health settings.

13. Describe your clinical experience providing services in-person? Include the settings in which the services were provided.

14. Describe your clinical experience providing telehealth services.

15. Describe the importance of service provision within a multidisciplinary team.

#### **This is the end of the Application.**

If you press "Submit", you will receive notice that your application was entered and will be processed. You may want to copy your completed application before submitting.

Consider reviewing your entries by pressing "Prev" before pressing "Submit".

*On behalf of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health,  
thank you for your interest in public mental health practice.*