



AWARD AGREEMENT

Between

HEALTH IMPACT OHIO

and

Mount St. Joseph University

Under the

Ohio Behavioral Health Scholarship

This Award Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the Health Impact Ohio (“HIO”), whose principal place of business is 1554 Polaris Parkway, STE 325, Columbus, Ohio 43240, and Mount St. Joseph University (“Awardee”), located at 5701 Delhi Road, Cincinnati, OH 45233.

Background and Program Purpose

The Ohio Behavioral Health Scholarship (OBHS) Program is a statewide partnership between the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Health Impact Ohio (HIO), and the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) to increase the number of licensed behavioral health workers at the graduate or professional degree level.

OBHS will fund scholarships and internship stipends designed to attract capable cohorts of students committed to remaining in Ohio upon graduation and working in a behavioral health field with clients who have been traditionally underserved. Between funding from OBHS (up to \$15,000/year/student) and institutional gift matches, OBHS recipients will not pay any tuition or general fees. This will be accomplished by institutions providing aid that will reduce the tuition and general fees of all OBHS recipients to \$0. This will allow these students to enter key professional roles in the state’s behavioral health sector debt-free or substantially debt-relieved.

ARTICLE I: SCOPE OF WORK

- **Award Amount: \$417,000**
- **Number of Students in Award: 20**
- **Programs Awarded: Social Work**

Awardee must maintain compliance with the requirements of this Agreement in the performance of this Award.

Awardee shall only use funding provided by this Agreement to support students in graduate or doctoral degrees in eligible CIP programs as further described below.

An Awardee may award a OBHS to a student who is:

- Be an Ohio resident;
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
- Be enrolled at least half-time each term, which is defined as an academic course load that is at least one-half of the normal full-time course load, as determined by the institution;
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress;
- Agree to work in an underserved community in Ohio in one of the following areas following completion of their degree: an Ohio Community Behavioral Health Center (CBHC), Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), child advocacy center, school-based health clinic, behavioral health provider participating in OhioRISE as care management entities, and/or a non-profit behavioral healthcare provider where Medicaid is the payor for the majority of their clientele.
 - The required term of employment will be equal to the number of years that the student receives OBHS funding (e.g.: a student that receives funding for two years will be required to work at an eligible place of employment for two years).
 - The student is expected to begin their employment commitment at an eligible place of employment within 6 months of earning their graduate degree.

AND

- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a program in an eligible CIP code as listed below;

-OR-

- Be enrolled in the final two years of an approved doctoral or professional degree program in a program in an eligible CIP code as listed above.
- **NOTE:** Students will be required to sign a *Student Participation Agreement* **generated by the awardee** that will be kept on file with the institution, and with a copy provided to HIO during the reimbursement request process.

Eligible academic disciplines include the following graduate or professional degree programs:

- Counseling (CIP codes: 51.1501, 51.1504, 51.1506, and 51.1508);
- Marriage and Family Therapy (CIP code: 51.1505);
- Clinical Psychology (CIP codes: 42.2801, 42.2807, 42.2809, 42.2810, 42.2811, 42.2813, 42.2814, 42.2899, and 51.1507);
- Counseling Psychology (CIP codes 42.2802 and 42.2803);
- Certified Mental Health Assisting (CIP codes: 51.1502 and 51.1599); and
- Social Work (CIP codes: 44.0701, 44.0799, and 51.1503)

ARTICLE II: PROJECT PERIOD

The period of performance for the Project is July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, or until the Agreement is terminated pursuant to the terms contained herein.

It is understood by the parties that Awardee will not be reimbursed for scholarships for any term beginning after December 31, 2028, unless extended by HIO/DBH. Additionally, Awardee must

request all eligible reimbursable expenses by December 31, 2028, unless extended by HIO/DBH. It is also understood that Awardee shall not make awards to students outside of the scope of this Agreement.

ARTICLE III: KEY PERSONNEL

The key personnel for Awardee are:

- **Primary contact name, email: Lisa Clifton, lisa.clifton@msj.edu**
- **Financial contact email: jeffrey.briggs@msj.edu**
- **Legal contact email: paige.ellerman@msj.edu**

Requests for changes in key personnel must be made in writing to HIO with a copy of the request submitted to HIO's project administrator before approval will be granted to modify the "key personnel" for Awardee. The project administrator for this Agreement on behalf of HIO will be Carrie Baker, President & CEO, carrie@healthimpactohio.org

ARTICLE IV: PROJECT FUNDING

HIO/DBH has committed up to \$15,500,000.00 over 19 months (July 2026 – December 2028, unless extended by HIO/DBH) to the OBHS program, which includes awards to 18 institutions under the current award cycle for new and continuing students.

The parties acknowledge that \$15,000/year or up to \$30,000/student is the maximum amount that could be awarded to Awardee, in consideration of the promises and performance of Awardee as set forth herein, during the Project Period.

There is no additional funding available after the conclusion of this initiative, and all eligible reimbursable expenses requests must be submitted by December 31, 2028, unless extended by HIO/DBH.

A) REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

Awardee agrees to submit the required data for reimbursement to HIO, following deadlines set by HIO. Any requests received after December 31, 2028, will not be reimbursed.

Allowable expenses for reimbursement include general and instructional fees, special fees, textbooks, meal plans, and housing which shall be reflected on the eligible student's tuition bill. Costs related to required license and certification preparation and exams; and other necessary costs related to licensure, degree, childcare, transportation, are also allowable. Awardee agrees to retain documentation in the event of an audit.

HIO agrees to distribute scholarship funding to Awardee within sixty (60) days of receipt of the required and fully completed student data information, provided the information submitted is accurate and adheres to approved codes as specified in Article 1. Information that is inaccurate or does not meet eligibility criteria may cause a delay in payment processing. The data and

reimbursement request must be submitted to HIO by Awardee's financial aid office, OBHS designated staff, or other appropriate office through the secured website set by HIO.

The following data must be submitted with each invoiced reimbursement request to HIO for payment (see attached invoice template):

- IHE identifier
- Student full names and related scholarship program CIP code
- Student Participation Agreements corresponding to each student for which reimbursement is requested
- Amount requested for reimbursement via the provided invoice template
- Bank account and (ACH/EFT template attached)
- W9 info (IRS template attached)

B) STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS:

Awardee agrees that OBHS funds are awarded to each participating eligible student as a grant to Awardee and shall be reflected on the student's tuition bill or statement as a "Ohio Behavioral Health Scholarship."

Awardee acknowledges an OBHS student may change majors and remain eligible if the program is an approved CIP Code outlined in the Scope of Work and the student is on track to complete the degree by end of spring semester 2029, unless extended by HIO/DBH.

If a student changes out of an approved OBHS academic program, i.e., is no longer enrolled in one of the eligible CIP programs, the student is no longer eligible for the scholarship for future terms. Awardee must allow the scholarship allocation until the date of the withdrawal.

A student does not need to be continuously enrolled to remain eligible for scholarships. If a student temporarily stops out or has a period when they are not eligible or not enrolled, they can receive a OBHS scholarship when enrollment in an eligible program resumes.

Awardee agrees to inform each recipient of an OBHS scholarship of the requirements for continuing to receive the scholarship and events which may eliminate the availability of the scholarship in future terms. This includes lack of funding from the state and performance by Awardee under the Project.

Awardee agrees that no student who receives an OBHS for a graduate or doctoral degree shall receive more than thirty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$30,000).

Awardee acknowledges the scholarship recipient must be an Ohio resident.

Signed:

On behalf of HIO:

Carrie Baker, President and CEO

Signature:

Date:

On Behalf of Awardee:

NAME, Title_____

Signature:

Date: