



SCHOLARSHIP AND PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIOR BSW AND MSSW STUDENTS



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Are you interested in...

- Supporting individuals who are working to overcome substance use disorder?
- A practicum that can lead to a job after graduation at Volunteers of America Mid-States?
- Applying to Kent's MSSW program upon BSW graduation?
- Scholarship support for your senior BSW year that may be renewable for the MSSW program?
- Scholarship amount of \$5,000 per academic year/ \$2,500 per semester

Volunteers of America Mid-States is partnering with the Kent School of Social Work and Family Science to offer a unique scholarship and career opportunity!

Application Details and Deadline

Eligible students

BSW students entering their Senior year (preferred); MSSW students eligible

Application Criteria

- Have and maintain 3.0 GPA
- Submit current resume demonstrating proof of community engagement/service.
**Need help with your resume? Contact the Office of Career and Development at 502.852.6935*
- 500 word essay that explains
- Why do you want to work in your desired field of substance abuse, specifically at VOA Mid-States?
- Why is this scholarship important to you?
- What do you hope to achieve at your practicum?
- What are your career aspirations?

VOA Scholars Program Requirements

- Successfully complete interview and acceptance process with VOA Mid-States committee.
- Must complete practicum placement at VOA Mid-States.
- Two-year post-graduation work agreement signed with VOA Mid-States.

To Apply

- Submit application materials to <https://bit.ly/VOAscholarship> by **August 2, 2022**.



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Volunteers of America Mid-States (VOA) is a non-profit organization spanning four states that creates positive change in the lives of individuals and communities through a ministry of service. We confront our region's biggest issues head-on, and after 125 years of serving more than 20,000 clients per year.

We provide housing for families, veterans, and low-income seniors. We provide addiction recovery services for men and women and our Freedom House program is a national model for pregnant and parenting women overcoming substance use disorder. We provide care and support for individuals with developmental disabilities. We provide healing and accountability that brings people together with restorative justice. We provide free, convenient, and confidential HIV testing and education as well as syringe exchange services.

Flexibility, teamwork, and fun are some of the reasons our employees are proud to work at VOA! WE offer a comprehensive benefits package to employees who meet eligibility requirements. The benefits package includes but is not limited to the following:

Benefits

- **Wellness:** We're serious about wellness at VOA. From staff wellness days (massages, apple orchard outings, holiday potlucks) to our employee wellness scholarship, our free staff mental health services, and team retreats, we practice what we preach and prioritize employee health and well-being.
- **Room to grow:** We're an organization of nearly 600 dedicated staff. With a wide variety of programs and departments, we have numerous opportunities for professional development. We have a track record of promoting from within and investing in our staff to give them the resources they need to grow.
- **Insurance:** We've got you covered. We offer full medical, dental, and vision insurance, as well as a host of other types of insurance.

Other benefits upon hire include:

- Competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package
- Medical, Dental, Prescription Drug Coverage and Vision
- Life Insurance
- Long-Term Disability
- Short Term Disability
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- Health Savings Accounts
- Critical Illness
- 403B Retirement Savings Plan
- Employee Assistance Program
- Paid Vacation Time (based on eligibility)
- Paid Sick Time (based on eligibility)

After Certified Social Worker (CSW) credentialing, VOA Mid-States provides paid training for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and clinical supervision for Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW) credentialing. If there is no vacant position at VOA Mid-States in the program area of Addiction Recovery Services at graduation, the VOA Scholar will be considered for other positions in the agency.

We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.