

## *Dr. Harriet Harris Roberts Inspiration Scholarship*

### *APPLICATION*

#### **About Dr. Harriet H. Roberts**

Dr. Roberts has long been in the vanguard for providing accessible, quality and comparable mental health services for ethnic minority and other racial groups. She is especially dedicated to the growth and development of African American mental health specialists. She strongly believes that training and developing competent psychotherapists can assist in bringing about lasting and effective change in all human systems.

With steadfast dedication, and commitment to her belief, she has trained hundreds of family therapists and consulted with numerous community agencies and professional organizations – many on a volunteer basis. These efforts have raised the awareness of local, state, and national mental health service providers to the necessity of accessible, quality, and comparable therapy, as well as, training services.

A native of Savannah, Georgia, Dr. Roberts has lived in Houston, Texas for 37 years. Initially, she worked at Family Service Center and then joined Hope Center for Youth and Family Services, Inc., where she was Program Director for Family Therapy Services for more than 20 years. She has been a member of the Houston Galveston Institute (HGI), an internationally recognized family therapy training and service center, for more than 20 years. Her affiliation with the Institute began while working with Dr. Harry Goolishian and Dr. Harlene Anderson, who served as consultants to Hope Center.

#### **Scholarship Description**

The Dr. Harriet Harris Roberts (HHR) Scholarship is dedicated to inspire African American therapists to explore possibilities and provide innovative therapeutic services to individuals, families, and the community through training, supervision, consultation, and research at HGI ([www.talkhgi.com](http://www.talkhgi.com)). The scholarship will provide support to African American therapists and therapist trainees who are challenged by financial hurdles towards obtaining licensure.

The scholarships will be awarded twice a year (May and October) to African American postgraduate MFT trainees to cover expenses such as supervision, training at HGI, consultation, and professional association conferences registration fees. A selection committee consisting of Marriage and Family Therapists and community members will review applications.

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*Selection Criteria:* The applicant must meet all three criteria: 1. be African American, 2. demonstrate a financial need and 3. plan to be in training at HGI in one of the priority areas.

The scholarship will be awarded based on the following prioritized areas:

1. Supervision for licensure
2. Supervisor training
3. Training activities at the HGI
4. Research project at HGI
5. Professional Development: Registration fee for conferences sponsored by professional associations

*Application Process:* The application process consists of four steps: 1) send in your completed application, 2) you will hear back from the selection committee, 3) you will be invited for an interview, and 4) the finalists will be awarded the scholarship.

*Application Packet:* Applicants must 1) complete the attached application form, 2) provide a personal essay in which they tell us about what inspired them to be a marriage and family therapist and their professional goals, 3) resume, 4) graduate transcript, and 5) provide two references (see enclosed reference form).

*Application Deadline:* Applications can be submitted year round. To be considered for the May deadline, please submit your application no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. To be considered for the September deadline, please submit your application no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Scholarship Awards Deadlines:* The Dr. Harriet Harris Roberts Inspiration Scholarship recipients will be informed by May 15<sup>th</sup> or October 15<sup>th</sup> selection cycle.

*Inquiries:* Please direct your inquiries to Sue Levin, PhD, Executive Director, Houston Galveston Institute. Email: [sue@talkhgi.com](mailto:sue@talkhgi.com) or Ph: 713-526-8390

### **Application Checklist**

- ✓ Application
- ✓ Personal Essay
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Graduate Transcript
- ✓ Two Reference Letters

*Mailing Address:* Please mail your application to the following address:

Attn: Dr. Sue Levin  
3316 Mt. Vernon  
Houston, TX 77006

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dr. Harriet Harris Roberts Inspiration Scholarship Application Form*

Applicant Information		
1. Name		
2. Address		
3. Phone	4. Fax	5. Email
6. Degrees received		
University	Date Received	Degree

7. Select the type of scholarship you are applying for:
- a.  Supervision for licensure
  - b.  Supervisor training
  - c.  Training activities at HGI (Specify program) \_\_\_\_\_
  - d.  Research project at HGI
  - e.  Registration fee for professional association conference
8. Training program dates and amount of financial assistance requested.
9. Are you currently receiving other scholarship funding? Please give details.
10. If you selected 7 (e), attach published registration information on professional association conference that you are applying for.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Personal Essay**

Tell us about yourself. Please include: your personal/professional goals; how your training will support your future goals. Explain how the scholarship will assist you with your financial needs. Please explain how the selected training or research activity will further your personal/professional goals. (Double spaced; 12 fonts; limit to 2 pages)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reference Form**

(may be submitted by mail, fax, or email)

Referee Information		
1. Name		
2. Address		
3. Telephone	4. Fax	5. Email
6. In what capacity have you know the applicant?		
7. How long have you known the applicant?		

Applicant Information

8. Please describe the applicant's strengths.

Signature of Referee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_