

(I) A PSYCHIATRIST;

(II) A PSYCHOLOGIST AS DEFINED IN § 18-101(F) OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE;

(III) A SOCIAL WORKER AS DEFINED IN § 19-101(G) OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE;

(IV) A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR AS DEFINED IN § 17-101(E) OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE; AND

~~(V)~~ (V) A NURSE PSYCHOTHERAPIST WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING;

(VI) A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND

(VII) ANY OTHER MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSION DESIGNATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(6) "RECIPIENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AWARDED A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION.

(7) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS THE OBLIGATION OF A RECIPIENT TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY OR PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

~~(B) THERE IS A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL GRANT PROGRAM OF 30 GRANTS TO BE AWARDED BY THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION TO RESIDENTS OF THE STATE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.~~

(B) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS MAY BE AWARDED AS TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO TRAIN MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

(C) EACH APPLICANT FOR RECIPIENT OF A GRANT SHALL:

(1) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; AND

(2) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO:

(I) ENROLL IN A DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAM OF STUDIES THAT WOULD LEAD TO LICENSING AS A LICENSED OR CERTIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL;

(II) BECOME A LICENSED OR CERTIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; AND

(III) FULFILL A SERVICE OBLIGATION BY PROVIDING SERVICES IN A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY FOR AT LEAST 4 YEARS. UPON COMPLETION OF REQUIRED STUDIES;

~~(D)~~ EACH RECIPIENT SHALL

(3) USE THE GRANT AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;