RSA TRAINEESHIP APPLICATION
(Doctoral Level)

This is a formal application for a traineeship through the Rehabilitation Services Administration for students enrolled in full-time graduate study toward the Ph.D. degree in rehabilitation counseling. Amounts typically awarded in any one semester include full or partial tuition and a monthly stipend supplemented by the Graduate School. For 2007-08, the monthly stipend amount was $888.89, and the Graduate School supplement was $264.44 per month, bringing the total monthly stipend amount to $1153.33.

Consideration is given to financial need in awarding traineeships. Consequently, please attach to this application a brief statement on a blank sheet of paper indicating your financial need for traineeship support. You might include approximate amounts of previous indebtedness through student loans, the extent to which your expenses will exceed your anticipated income during your graduate study, any unusual financial circumstances, and any other information which might document your financial need.

Priority is given to individuals who have a disability or are members of a minority group. If either or both of these considerations apply to you, please check below.

_____ disability _____ minority group membership

If you wish to apply for a traineeship, your signature verifies that the following statements are true and/or that you agree to the stated terms.

1. I am a U.S. citizen or national or a permanent resident of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. If not, I am a lawful permanent resident of the United States or I am in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a citizen or permanent resident. Prior to an actual traineeship award, I will be required to provide documentation that this condition is met.

2. If awarded a traineeship, I will not be an employee of the Federal government during the period of the traineeship. This means that, except for employment through the Federal College Work-Study Program, no employment is permitted where any portion of the earnings is paid through Federal funds. Thus, no employment through Federal grants or contracts to the university or outside agencies is permitted (including work-study positions through those grants or contracts).

3. I am interested in a career in clinical practice, administration, supervision, teaching or research in the vocational rehabilitation or independent living rehabilitation of persons with handicaps, especially

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persons with severe handicaps. Information provided elsewhere in my application for graduate study, including my “reasons for graduate study” will be reviewed for any inconsistencies with this statement.

4. I expect to maintain or seek employment in a State vocational rehabilitation agency or in a nonprofit rehabilitation or related agency providing services to individuals with handicaps or individuals with severe handicaps under an agreement with a State vocational rehabilitation agency. A “related agency” means an American Indian rehabilitation program, or any of the following agencies that provide services to individuals with handicaps under an agreement with a State vocational rehabilitation agency in rehabilitation counseling: (a) a Federal, State, or substate agency; (b) a nonprofit organization; or (c) a for-profit sole professional practice. Agencies and programs meeting these criteria would include programs in colleges and universities, educating rehabilitation counseling related personnel, who have training grants through the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) or have other formal agreements with RSA or State vocational rehabilitation agencies. Information provided elsewhere in my application for graduate study, including my “reasons for graduate study” will be reviewed for any inconsistencies with this statement. I understand that I will be required to sign a repayment agreement if employment meeting the specified conditions is not obtained.

5. If awarded a traineeship, I will maintain full-time graduate enrollment (minimum of 8 credits) in the Department of Rehabilitation Psychology and Special Education during any semester in which I receive support, with a Ph.D. degree in rehabilitation counseling as the objective.

6. If awarded a traineeship, I will not accept payment of educational allowances from any other Federal, State, or local public or private nonprofit agency if that allowance is conditioned on an employment obligation that conflicts with my obligation under Point 4 above.

7. If awarded a traineeship, I will not maintain any outside employment that is judged to have an adverse impact on my program of study during the period of the traineeship. In no case can outside employment exceed 10 hours per week or specified maximum earnings levels.

8. As a part of my graduate study in rehabilitation counseling, I will complete coursework in job placement and will obtain significant practical experience in job placement.

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Signature

__________________________________________________________________________
Date

__________________________________________________________________________
Print name

__________________________________________________________________________
Current local address:

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Phone numbers (home, cell):

Please attach your statement of financial need as requested in the second paragraph of the first page of this application.