

## LANCASTER SCA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## LANCASTER COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION

## RECOVERY HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This recovery house scholarship program is hosted by the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission, also known as the Lancaster SCA. It has many similarities to the Medicaid CABHC scholarship program, but **this program has nothing to do with the CABHC/Medicaid scholarships**. Please do not confuse the two or contact CABHC for anything to do with **this Lancaster program**, which is funded by the Lancaster Opioid Settlement grant.

Any questions or concerns about the Lancaster scholarship program should be directed to the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission, by e mailing the Commission at **drugalcohol@lancastercountypa.gov**. Since the office is not staffed to accept walk-in appointments, **please do not visit the office without an appointment**. Most business regarding the Lancaster scholarship program should be conducted through e- mail.

### **Purpose:**

The recovery house scholarship program addresses the challenge of finding housing for people in early recovery who need clean and sober housing, and for those re-entering the community. Many clients lose their apartments or housing when they are in a residential treatment facility or when they leave prison and are in local treatment. The scholarship program will provide housing in a Lancaster based state licensed recovery house, supporting the client with a place to live, job search, and recovery support services. Since this funding comes from the Opioid Settlement grant, only people in recovery from an opioid use disorder can receive a Lancaster SCA scholarship.

### **Eligibility:**

Eligibility requirements of the Lancaster SCA scholarship program include:

1. **The applicant is in recovery from opioid use disorder.** This needs to be substantiated by a DDAP licensed treatment facility or professional in the field. This is Opioid Settlement funding being used, and therefore a connection must be made.
2. The applicant has been a resident of Lancaster County for no less than two consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the scholarship application, or two consecutive months preceding time incarcerated, hospitalized, or in a treatment facility.
3. The applicant is unemployed or demonstrates that they have a limited or low income. Maximum gross income of \$36,000 per year.
4. The applicant is willing to receive Case Management services funded by the Lancaster SCA, embedded in a local outpatient clinic. This stipulation does not require the applicant to

enter outpatient treatment. **All scholarship applicants must engage with an embedded Case Manager and create a Recovery Plan.**

5. Only recovery houses that are licensed by the state Department of Drugs and Alcohol Programs (DDAP), **located in Lancaster County**, and contracted with the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission, known as the Lancaster SCA, will be included in this scholarship program.
6. Applicants must sign a consent for the Lancaster SCA, the licensed recovery house, the embedded Case Manager, and any involved clinical treatment provider to discuss the applicant's treatment and progress, allowed under the federal 42 CFR confidentiality regs.
7. If the applicant is coming from the Lancaster County prison or an SUD residential treatment provider and cannot meet face to face with the embedded Case Manager to complete the application process, then the process can be completed via e-mails and virtual meetings. In this case, the applicant is approved for a scholarship on a provisional basis if they are eligible for a scholarship. The provisional scholarship will be approved for 14 nights, and the applicant has 14 days to meet with the Case Manager at the outpatient clinic to finish the application process and to sign all documents. Then the scholarship will be extended 46 nights, to complete the typical 60-night authorized scholarship.

**\*\*Undocumented individuals are not eligible for the Recovery House Scholarship program\*\***

**Coverage:**

The Lancaster SCA scholarship program covers the rent of the licensed recovery house, at \$25 per night. This is the amount that the recovery houses have **agreed to receive in full** for the people who are being funded by the Lancaster SCA scholarship program.

Most people will receive a scholarship for approximately 60 nights, depending on the Settlement funding that is available and the progress of the applicant in finding a job.

Only **one scholarship per individual, per lifetime** is allowed, to give other applicants an opportunity for a scholarship. **However, if an individual used less than 30 days of scholarship funding, they are eligible to receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> scholarship for a maximum of 30 days. Additionally, pregnant women are eligible for a 2<sup>nd</sup> 60-day scholarship.**

During the time that the person is on the Lancaster SCA scholarship program, they must be actively looking for a job and saving some of their income for future security deposits and future rent that they will be paying on their own, once the scholarship ends. This scholarship program is very time limited.

Should an individual leave the recovery house prior to the end of the scholarship duration for any reason, they **forfeit any remaining funds or covered nights.**