



Application for the Bridging the Gap Scholarship at The Cross Cultural Health Care Program

About this Scholarship

The Bridging the Gap (BTG) course trains bilingual/multilingual individuals to work as medical interpreters in hospitals, clinics, and other health care settings. In 2020, The Cross Cultural Health Care Program (CCHCP) will award two \$500 scholarships, one for the 64-hour BTG training to be held August 3-12, and one for the 40-hour BTG training that will be held September 14-18. These scholarships will be awarded to two individuals who demonstrate why having trained medical interpreters will benefit their community and how they plan to use this class to improve the quality of care for patients with limited English proficiency. Individuals who are awarded these scholarships and attend the Bridging the Gap course will be highlighted in our organization's newsletter and social media pages. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will receive a certificate of successful completion.

Please note that each applicant is eligible to receive only **one** scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Application Materials

To apply for the Bridging the Gap scholarship, please submit this application along with a copy of your resume and a 500-1000 word essay describing why you should be awarded this scholarship and how you will benefit your community if you receive it. Please address the following questions in your essay:

1. *What languages are you proficient in?*
2. *What are the needs of the people who speak those languages in your community, particularly the needs regarding access to quality health care?*
3. *How will this scholarship and taking the Bridging the Gap medical interpreter training help address language access barriers to health care in your community?*
4. *What work have you done in your community to support underrepresented or disadvantaged populations? If you have done any work in health care or by working directly with patients, please highlight those efforts (this can be volunteer related or through your place of work).*

Course Admission Requirements

Scholarship applications must also meet the Bridging the Gap course requirements listed below, which are the basic requirements that all BTG applicants need to meet. Applicants who are not able to provide proof of language proficiency in one of their languages can request a language assessment to be scheduled by The Cross Cultural Health Care Program. Upon receipt of the scholarship, those individuals will be reimbursed the \$60 language assessment fee. CCHCP will not refund the language assessment fee for those who are not awarded the scholarship.

Bridging the Gap Admission Requirements

- Participants must be 18 or older and have a high school degree or the equivalent. Proof of high school graduation or GED, etc. is required.
- Participants must be bilingual in English and at least one other language, and proof of proficiency in both languages is required to enroll in the class. Proof of proficiency can be **copies of any one of the following documents:** High school diploma or equivalent, or university/college degree from a school using the assessed language(s); 5 or more years of verified professional experience working in the language(s) being assessed; State or federal court interpreter certification; Oral language exam results with scores equivalent to ACTFL Advanced Mid-level or ILR Level 2.

Deadlines

Please submit your application, resume, and essay by June 30th, 2020.

Contact Information

For questions about the scholarship or application process, please refer to our contact information:

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The Cross Cultural Health Care Program

Scholarship Application Bridging the Gap Medical Interpreter Training

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ *City State ZIP Code*

Phone: _____ Email _____

Course Applied for
(September 40-hour
or August 64-hour): _____

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Diploma: _____

College: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

Other: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

Current Employment

Place of
Employment _____

Job Title: _____

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Along with this application form, please submit your resume and a 500-1000 word essay describing why you are applying for this scholarship and how you will benefit your community if you receive it. Please answer the following questions in your essay:

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2. *What are the needs of the people who speak those languages in your community, particularly the needs regarding access to quality health care?*
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Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to receipt of this scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in the rejection of my application for the Bridging the Gap scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____