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MARION T. COLEMAN PATHWAYS SCHOLARSHIP

Honoring the 2026–2027 Scholarship Recipients — Dedicated behavioral health students completing critical clinical internships to advance mental health equity and care in the Greater Houston Area.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Anonymous Awardee

Undergraduate Awardee • $1,500

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Student

Clinical Practicum: Pediatric Behavioral Health

This award recipient has requested to remain anonymous. They are completing an impactful undergraduate clinical field placement in pediatric behavioral health, providing care coordination and family support services within the Greater Houston Area.

Jason Wright

Undergraduate Awardee • $1,500

University of Houston–Downtown | Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

Clinical Practicum Site: The Montrose Center

Jason Wright is a dedicated first-generation BSW student with an outstanding 3.90 GPA. Through his practicum at The Montrose Center, Jason focuses on community-based behavioral health, crisis intervention, and holistic support services for vulnerable urban populations. He aspires to become a Licensed Clinical Social Work supervisor, focusing on expanding mental health access, trauma recovery services, and affordable community counseling programs across Harris County.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Mario Crifo

Graduate Awardee • $2,500

University of Houston | Master of Social Work (MSW)

Clinical Practicum Site: Therapy & More

Mario Crifo maintains a perfect 4.00 GPA in his Master of Social Work program while serving as a bilingual clinician intern at Therapy & More. Mario is deeply committed to eliminating health disparities in underserved Latino communities. His clinical work focuses on trauma-informed therapy and integrated behavioral healthcare. Upon graduation, he plans to establish community mental health workshops and practice as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Houston.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

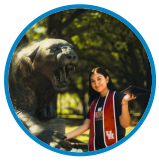
Wendy Sevilla

Graduate Awardee • $2,500

Houston Christian University | Master of Arts in Counseling

Clinical Practicum Site: Fort Bend Women's Center

Wendy Sevilla is a first-generation graduate student driven by a profound commitment to trauma recovery. Completing her internship at the Fort Bend Women's Center, Wendy provides bilingual psychotherapy to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. She strives to bridge critical mental healthcare gaps for low-income Spanish-speaking families, helping individuals heal from complex trauma and rebuild resilient lives.



Evelyn Osorio

Graduate Awardee • $2,500

University of Houston | Master of Social Work (MSW)

Clinical Practicum Site: El Centro de Corazón

Evelyn Osorio holds a 4.00 GPA and brings a strong dedication to primary care and behavioral health integration. At El Centro de Corazón, a Federally Qualified Health Center, Evelyn delivers clinical mental health intervention to economically disadvantaged patients. As a first-generation bilingual social worker, her goal is to dismantle structural barriers to healthcare and advocate for mental wellness in East End Houston communities.

Karessa Shaw

Graduate Awardee • $2,500

Houston Christian University | MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Clinical Practicum Site: Fort Bend Women's Center

Karessa Shaw is a first-generation scholar specializing in clinical trauma therapy and crisis intervention. Serving at the Fort Bend Women's Center, Karessa facilitates supportive group and individual therapy for women and children overcoming domestic abuse. Her long-term vision includes establishing community-based wellness programs focused on emotional regulation, self-efficacy, and empowering survivors of interpersonal trauma.

Maria Guadalupe Sosa Mendoza

Graduate Awardee • $2,500

Houston Christian University | MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Clinical Practicum Site: Mack Counseling

Maria Guadalupe Sosa Mendoza is a Senior Registered Behavior Technician and QMHP Intake Coordinator. Completing her clinical practicum at Mack Counseling, Maria provides culturally attuned psychotherapy to underserved children, youth, and families. As a native Spanish speaker and first-generation student, she aims to expand early intervention services for youth experiencing anxiety, depression, and behavioral challenges.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

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Erick Camacho

Graduate Awardee • $2,500

Houston Christian University | Master of Arts in Counseling

Clinical Practicum Site: Texas Care Center

Erick Camacho serves as an educator in a Title I elementary school while completing his counseling practicum at Texas Care Center. Erick works directly with children on Medicaid, delivering therapeutic support and parent coaching for under-resourced families. Fluent in Spanish, Erick is dedicated to advancing bilingual counseling in public schools and community health clinics across Greater Houston.

Ashleigh McCargo

Graduate Awardee • $2,500

Houston Christian University | Master of Arts in Counseling

Clinical Practicum Site: 8 Phases Behavioral Health

Ashleigh McCargo is a first-generation graduate student committed to destigmatizing mental health in diverse populations. At 8 Phases Behavioral Health, Ashleigh provides comprehensive outpatient counseling for adolescents and adults dealing with mood disorders, stress, and life transitions. Her clinical mission centers on providing empathetic, evidence-based therapy to empower clients toward long-term mental wellness and independence.

Fatima Dominguez

Graduate Awardee • $2,500

University of Houston | Master of Social Work (MSW)

Clinical Practicum Site: Sublime Growth Consulting & Psychoeducation

Fatima Dominguez achieves high academic distinction with a 4.00 GPA in her MSW program. At Sublime Growth Consulting, Fatima conducts individual and group psychoeducational therapy for youth and adults. As a first-generation, bilingual future clinician, Fatima's goal is to create accessible mental health literacy programs that bridge the gap between primary care and specialized psychiatric services.

About the Marion T. Coleman Pathways Scholarship

Named in honor of Dr. Marion T. Coleman, former Executive Director of the Network for Behavioral Health Providers (NBHP), this scholarship supports student clinicians during their final practicum year. By removing financial obstacles during unpaid clinical placements, the WREDI Program ensures skilled, culturally competent professionals remain in the Greater Houston workforce to serve local communities.

We thank The Rupani Development Initiative for their generous support of our scholarship program.