

**Pertinent Information and Instruction for Completing Community Member Scholarship for  
Montclair University's *From Trauma to Healing: Healing-Centered Approaches to Trauma in Families  
and Communities* Certificate Program**

**Eligibility Requirements**

**General Requirements**

1. Age: Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
2. Commitment: Must commit to completing the 12-week program, including all assignments, workshops, and discussions.
3. Technology Access: Must have reliable internet access and a device capable of participating in online sessions (e.g., computer, tablet).
4. Language Proficiency: Must be proficient in the language of instruction (e.g., English).
5. Selected applicants will be required to participate in an interview as part of the scholarship qualification process.
6. Must be a New Jersey resident

**Candidate Requirements**

1. Educational Background: No formal degree required; however, candidate must demonstrate an interest in gaining a deeper understanding of Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences (PACES), learning cutting-edge research on neurobiological responses to trauma, and developing culturally responsive skills to support healing within family systems and community structures.
2. Community Involvement: Evidence of active involvement in community service, advocacy, or related projects addressing trauma or healing.
3. Personal Statement: Submit a short essay (no more than 500 words) explaining why you are interested in the program and how you plan to apply the knowledge in your community.
4. References: Provide one or more letters or recommendation.

**Financial Criteria**

1. Financial Need: Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate financial need through a brief statement (no more than 200 words).

## **Instruction for Application**

### **Step 1:** Review Eligibility Criteria

- Carefully review the eligibility requirements outlined above. Ensure that you meet all qualifications before proceeding with your application.

### **Step 2:** Complete the Application Form

### **Step 3:** Submit Supporting Documents

Please attach the following documents:

1. Updated resume or CV.
2. One (1) or more letter(s) of recommendation.

### **Step 5:** Submit the Application

- Review your application to ensure all fields are completed and required documents are attached.
- Email application and supporting documents to [Sofia.Noncent-Johnson@dcf.nj.gov](mailto:Sofia.Noncent-Johnson@dcf.nj.gov).
- Submit your application by the deadline: **Late submissions will not be considered.**

### **Step 6:** Await Confirmation and Next Steps

- Once your application is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email.
- Applications will be reviewed, and selected candidates will be notified via email to schedule an interview.

## **Contact Information**

For questions or assistance with the application process, please contact:

DCF.OfficeofResilience@dcf.nj.gov

We encourage you to apply and take advantage of this transformative opportunity! Best wishes!