Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying for this scholarship. These funds have been raised and set aside by DBMAT www.dbmat-tx.org. These funds are used specifically for the education of individuals working with people who are deafblind.

The recipient of this scholarship will be able to apply to the following course available on-line:

- **Central Michigan University (**https://www.cmich.edu/program/deafblind-intervener**).**

The deafblind training program includes multiple courses for an equivalent of 12 college credit hours. Upon successful completion you would be eligible to apply to be a credentialed Intervener. (For more information see www.intervener.org.)

In order to be considered for the Intervener scholarship, please address the following:

1. **If you work with a school district or provider we ask them to consider sharing in the cost of your training. The number and the amount awarded for the scholarships will be based on limited funds raised by DBMAT volunteers. We require that you submit our template letter to your employer and provide the response with your application.**

    Note: There is value in your sharing with your employer about the importance of this training, along with the positive impact it can make on a deafblind child or adult and those around them. Our goal is for the employer to share the financial responsibility and thus support you in this training. When employers are invested in this process we have seen a positive outcome for the deafblind individuals, Interveners and the Team around them.

2. **Recipients of the intervener scholarship MUST be a member of DBMAT in good standing. You can become a member of DBMAT by going to the DBMAT website membership page, and signing up. http://www.dbmat-tx.org/member/member.html**

3. **Live/work in the state of Texas.**

4. **Agree to work in the area of deafblindness for a minimum of two years.**

5. **Although not mandatory, we encourage the parents/guardians of the child/adult to become members of DBMAT. By being involved in this support organization families will be supported by both other families and professionals in the deafblind community. It is also a proven fact that the successes of the deafblind individual can be attributed to the relationships that are developed and nurtured between their home, school, and Community life, which this organization will help families learn about.**

6. **After applications are received and reviewed, you will be notified, and a phone interview will be scheduled.**

7. **Applications for this SCHOLARSHIP will be accepted throughout the year; however, those received by April 15th will be announced by end of May each year.**

8. **Please remember that you MUST have access to a computer to take these courses.**

Intervener scholarship applicants should complete the application below and return to:

Melanie Knapp
DBMAT - Scholarship Committee Chair
16 Grant's Lake Circle
Sugar Land, Texas   77479

rmknapp14@gmail.com

Name	
Address	
City	
State	
ZIP Code	
Telephone (home)	
Telephone (business or cell)	
Date form completed	
E-Mail (please include home email too)	

1. **Are you working with a deafblind individual now?   Yes   No**

2. **What is the age of the deafblind individual you are working with?**

3. **How long have you worked with him or her?**

4. **Please explain your current working scenario with the child in the school system, home schooled, and or out of school? (Include your response in your essay along with any other information.)**

5. **If in the school system, is the child currently being serviced by the TSBVI Deafblind Outreach?**

6. **Do you know if the individual you work with is on the DBMD waiver? Yes   No**

7. **Do you have experience and access to a computer? Yes   No**

- **We need to know about you: Please include an essay about your interest in deafblindness, your goals for yourself, goals for your student/client, etc.   *Please keep it to one page***

- **Provide three letters of reference - may be mailed or emailed to:**

    Melanie Knapp
    16 Grants Lake Circle   OR   rmknapp14@gmail.com
    Sugarland, TX 77479

Upon receipt of this scholarship, DBMAT requests that you maintain at least a "B" average each semester to keep your scholarship. If you drop the classes, you will be expected to reimburse DBMAT. There will be no exceptions! A copy of your grades should be forwarded to Melanie Knapp (see address or email above).

I agree to work in the field of deafblindness for a minimum of 2 years.

Yes ☐   No ☐