Acknowledgement of Accepting RSA Grant Terms and Conditions

Participation in the RSA Scholars program offers wide opportunities for you. In addition to the financial benefits, you have the satisfaction of knowing that your work will contribute towards the empowerment of individuals with disabilities in United States. An RSA scholar is prepared to work with the State system of vocational rehabilitation, a system with a long and proud history of serving people with disabilities. Ultimately, scholars enrich the lives of people with disabilities by providing quality rehabilitation services that assists them with securing employment, independence and full inclusion into society.

There is an acute need for qualified personnel in the field of rehabilitation, and specifically, State rehabilitation agencies, and the programs with which the State rehabilitation agencies make agreements to provide vocational, supported employment, and independent living services, have critical personnel needs. To ensure that the RSA training program helps State agencies in filling these jobs, Congress added to the Rehabilitation Act a "payback" provision for RSA scholars. The attached Scholarship Information Manual explains the payback requirements. You are asked to please read it carefully to understand your responsibilities as a scholar recipient.

As a condition to receive RSA scholarship support, scholars are required to comply with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) “Title 34 – Education, Subtitle B”. You can download this Code by going to: http://www2.ed.gov/students/college/aid/rehab/scholrsp.html You are asked to read, review and become familiar with the attached manual, scholarship regulations/information, and scholarship forms: tuition/stipend acceptance from and exit form. In accepting RSA scholarship support, you shall agree to the following requirements:

1. I have read and reviewed the 2008 “Scholarship Information Manual” and all attached forms __________ (initials).

2. By accepting the scholarship support, I acknowledge a personal interest in a career in the provision of rehabilitation services, and that I expect to seek employment in an approved agency (34 CFR 386.33) (refer to page 6 of the attached “Scholarship Information Manual” for information) __________ (initials).

3. I agree to complete/sign the “Tuition/Stipend Scholarship Acceptance form” (see attached form) for each semester that I accept grant financial support prior to disbursement of funds * __________ (initials).

4. At the same time as signing the “Tuition/Stipend Scholarship Acceptance form (#3 above), I agree to review and sign the Stipend Specifications for ESU Spring 2015 (see attached form) * __________ (initials).
5. Upon exiting ESU’s RC-48 RSA program (graduate, withdraw, or exit prior to graduation), I agree to complete and sign the scholar’s “Exit Certification Form” which will be provided to me upon my exit from the program ______ (initials).

6. After exiting ESU’s RC-48 RSA program, I agree to work for a qualifying agency (refer to pages 3-4 of the attached “Scholarship Information Manual” for information) and for the number of months required by 34 CFR 34 386.34 (refer to pages 1 and 3 of the attached “Scholarship Information Manual” for information) ______ (initials).

7. After exiting ESU’s RC-48 RSA program, I agree to complete and submit the Annual Work Report Form (see attached) to Dr. Damara Goff Paris, Project Director, each year (by the due date listed) until my payback obligation has been satisfied according to 34 CFR ______ (initials). I also agree to update Dr. Paris via email: dparis@emporia.edu within 30 days of any address or contact information changes.

By my signature below, I acknowledge and agree to the terms of this document and agree to adhere to the above.

Signed: _________________________________  Date: ____________

Printed Name: _________________________________