

NAME	Maria Tanya de Guzman	Gender:	female
NATIONALITY	Filipina		
Occupation	Student		
Affiliation (educational institution)	Gallaudet University		
Qualifications:	<p>Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling- On-going (Gallaudet University)</p> <p>Master's Diploma in School Counseling - 2001 - Unfinished due to transfer to USA (De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines)</p> <p>Undergraduate of Psychology - April 1999 (De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines)</p> <p>(Technological University of the Philippines, Manila)</p> <p>Basic Course in Catechetics(Religious Education) - May 1992</p>		
Community Activities - Voluntary Work	<p>Adviser - October 2000 - August 2001 (Deaf Women's Health & Crisis Center of the Philippines)</p> <p>Ad-hoc Committee - November 20, 1999 - October 2000 (Deaf Women's Health & Crisis Center of the Philippines)</p> <p>Deaf Women Empowerment Coordinator - November 1999 (Philippine Federation of the Deaf and Voluntary Service Overseas)</p> <p>Deaf Gender Coordination - September 1998 - October 1999</p> <p>Service Overseas (UK NGO))</p> <p>Assistant Secretary - May 1997 - May 1999</p> <p>Peer Counselor - September 1994 - present</p> <p>Coordinator - April 1996, April 1997</p> <p>Assistant Coordinator- April 1994</p> <p>Arts Teacher - April 1993 (Summer School for the Deaf, organized by Catholic Ministry to Deaf People, Inc., Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines)</p> <p>Group Leader - January 1996 (Philippine Catholic Organization of the Deaf, Manila)</p>		

	<p>Religion Teacher - June 1994 - March 1996 (Philippine Catholic Organization of the Deaf, Manila, Philippines)</p> <p>Assistant Secretary - April 1986 - March 1988 (Catholic Organization of the Deaf, Manila, Philippines)</p>
Presentation Entitled	<p>"Current mental health situation of the Deaf in the Philippines"-July 12, 2002</p> <p>"Deaf Filipinos' Faith"- July 2001</p> <p>"Struggles of Deaf Filipinos" - July 2001</p> <p>"Deaf Identity and Self-Esteem" -July 2001</p> <p>"Psychology of Deaf Women(The Philippines)" - February 16, 2000</p> <p>"Deaf Women: High Risk of the Philippines" -July 27, 1999</p>
Interests / Hobbies	Drawing and painting, Research on Counseling (Deaf issues), Collect
Patents and Publications	<p>Illustrator -1999</p> <p>Poster entitled Let us listen to the children ... They have something to tell us (Printed cooperation with Center for the Prevention and</p> <p>Illustrator -1995</p> <p>Sign Picture Vocabulary -ISBN: 971-91662-0-7 (Published by SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE)</p>
Awards	<p>Outstanding Non-Government Employee - November 1998 (Association of Agencies for the Deaf, Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines)</p>

Attachment 2: recommendation letter(Mrs. Theresa Christine Benitez-d

Attachment 3: English Language Institute Progress Report

Attachment 4: Gallaudet University Grade Report

Attachment 5: De La Salle University Grade Report

Greetings to you from Gallaudet University, a famous Deaf university in the world!

I am writing to apply for a scholarship to support my study. I am studying Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling as my current second year at Gallaudet University, Washington DC.

Socio- economically speaking, my family belongs to the below average strata, which means I am born to a Deaf poor family. I am youngest in the family. My (Deaf) father is now retired with Beta Chemical Supply as warehouse supervisor while my (Deaf) mother is a housewife. I have one elder (Deaf) married sister who she is now pursuing her own small business of selling Deaf items (e.g. printing sign alphabet t-shirts, I Love You stuff and other handicrafts) as a means of living for her own family.

In 1994, I graduated Bachelor of Fine Arts in Advertising at Technological University of the Philippines. The I took up one year course of undergraduate Psychology for my pre-master studies' requirement. In my country, I had been worked with Deaf people as counselor for almost 4 years. I encountered many Deaf clients just suffered with their communication barriers from hearing world, physical & sexual abuses, deaf identity, low self-esteem, disorders and etc that led me very interest to study Mental Health Counseling at Gallaudet University to help my skills.

The course, Mental Health Counseling at Gallaudet University would benefit me for the sake of Deaf Filipino community. Because this course in the Philippines does not provide specific combined with Deaf studies. The course with Deaf studies is available in United State of America. The Gallaudet University is provided this course with the support for the Deaf which will benefit me to study better.

Therefore I could train Deaf peers who are in need of mental health services especially in counseling since I am only the first Deaf person who became counselor for the Deaf in the Philippines. I hope when I will finish my master studies, I will return to my beloved country in 2004 to work as professional counselor in De La Salle University - College of Saint Benilde in Manila and to help my Deaf organization and my founder - Deaf Women's Health & Crisis Center of the Philippines to improve the better lives of Deaf women.

My academic and professional objectives for 2004 are to provide tailor-fit, personalized and focused counseling services for the Deaf; and to train Deaf para-counselors or trainees in counseling skills so that I can produce more Deaf counselors which are badly needed by my country.

What concerns me, my income is insufficient to finance my studying and daily livings. My family could not afford to support me due to their meager income which is only sufficient for their daily needs. Hence, I enclose my document papers. I hope that this will support my application on your kind scholarship.

will be happy to answer you. And I look forward to having your favorable response soon. Thank you so much.

very truly yours,
Maria Tanya de Guzman