

Elevate Mental Health Awareness Scholarship

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About the Scholarship

Despite living in the most prosperous and interconnected time in history, rates of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and suicide are on the rise. In the United States, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death. It kills someone every 12 minutes.

What's our solution to the vast and growing mental health problem? A society that tunes out those who struggle and a broken system that offers addictive pharmaceutical drugs, outdated and inconsistent therapy practices, and understaffed hospitals with mediocre care.

My mom, Sheri Rosser, was a victim of this broken approach.

After struggling with depression for decades, going in and out of hospitals, and taking dozens of medications, she lost all hope and took her own life in 2017. It was the most painful and devastating experience of my life.

The Elevate Mental Health Awareness Scholarship is dedicated to my mom Sherise Rosser, a wonderful woman who taught me the power of authenticity, belief, and compassion.

My hope is that the scholarship inspires greater awareness about mental health and fuels innovative solutions that help the millions of people who are suffering.

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Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must meet the requirements below. Please read the requirements carefully to ensure you meet eligibility before applying.

- Must be a current high school or college student.
- Must have personally experienced challenges with mental health or have had people close to them who have experienced mental health challenges.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent legal resident
- All GPAs will be considered.
- All majors are encouraged to apply.

How to Apply

You can apply for this scholarship on the Bold.org scholarship platform. To apply, you will need to set up a student profile on Bold.org and write a 500 - 1,000 word essay about the following:

How has your experience with mental health influenced your beliefs, relationships, and career aspirations?

The scholarship is open to students at any educational level and field of study. The only application requirement is that students have personally experienced challenges with mental health or have had people close to them who have experienced mental health challenges.

Students applying to the scholarship will be required to write an essay about how their experience with mental health has influenced their beliefs, relationships, and career aspirations. While not required, working or volunteering at organizations that increase mental health awareness, provide mental health support, or research mental health solutions will be a plus on student applications.

Scholarship FAQ

When is the scholarship deadline?

The application deadline is April 1, 2020. Winners will be announced on May 2, 2020.

What is the scholarship prize?

The scholarship award is \$750.

When will the winner be chosen and notified?

The winner will be publicly announced on May 2, 2020. Prior to the announcement date, we may contact finalists with additional questions about their application. We will work with donors to review all applications according to the scholarship criteria. Winners will be chosen based on the merit of their application.

How will the scholarship be paid?

We will send the \$750 award check to the winner's academic institution in their name, and in the name of their institution (depending on the school's requirements).

How will my application be verified?

Before we award the scholarship, the winner will be required to verify their academic enrollment status by providing a copy of their most recent transcript.

How can I contact you with questions?

If you have any question about the scholarship, you can email Calvin at calvin@calvinrosser.com.

How will my application information be used? What are the scholarship terms and conditions?

Life Reimagined Ventures manages this scholarship with the support of the Bold.org scholarship platform. Bold.org takes student confidentiality and privacy incredibly seriously. Please refer to the application page on Bold.org for full details.

For online application, please visit:

<https://calvinrosser.com/scholarships/mental-health-awareness/>