

Parent & Youth Scholarships

Virginia Family Network and Youth MOVE Virginia, through the supportive funding from DBHDS and SAMHSA and in connection with NAMI Virginia, works to promote the empowerment of youth and young adults with mental health issues along with their parents and caregivers (biological, adoptive, foster or kinship). Because we know that information and support are critical to empowerment, we are pleased to be able to offer scholarship funding. **We have established the following scholarship guidelines:**

- Scholarships are available to both Virginia youth and young adults with mental health or co-occurring challenges and their parents or primary caregivers. Youth and young adult applicants must be age 13-30 while parent or primary caregiver applicants must have children aged 6-30.
- Scholarship funding is to be utilized for educational and leadership development opportunities that promote and help individuals employ their lived experience with mental illness to inform and transform the system.
- Scholarships will be awarded up to \$200 per person with as many as 5 recipients awarded this amount.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on weighted criteria including the potential impact scholarship will have on individual's personal growth or community service. Preference will also be given to those from rural communities in the southern and southwest region of the state.
- Scholarships will be awarded as a reimbursement and receipts of purchase must be provided in order to receive reimbursement (i.e. registration confirmation).
- Scholarship requests must be made in the scholarship cycle in which the event, activity or purchase was made. For example if you attend a conference in February then a scholarship request for this event would only be accepted in the first scholarship cycle. **Exception:** Should you need assistance up front in taking advantage of the scholarship, exceptions can be made on a case by case basis depending on the nature of the request. Should this be your situation, then please make sure to apply in the scholarship cycle in advance of your event.
- Limit 1 scholarship per person per 3 cycles or 1 year.
- Scholarship recipients will be asked to share a short synopsis of what they learned and how the scholarship helped enhance their knowledge, confidence, skills or leadership to help educate and encourage other parents.

Scholarship Application Cycles

There are three application cycles for scholarships. Should you be awarded a scholarship you will receive word by the notification date:

Scholarship Cycle 1:

Applications accepted: January 1- April 30
Notification: by May 31

Scholarship Cycle 2:

Applications accepted: May 1 – August 31
Notification: by September 30

Scholarship Cycle 3:

Applications accepted: September 1 – December 31
Notification: by January 31



General Scholarship Request Form



Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Submitting as:

Youth or Young Adult: _____yes _____no Age: _____

Parent/caregiver: _____yes _____no Age of child: _____

What is your connection to the family/youth movement(s):

Have you had any connection to VFN or YM in the past? If so please share:

Name of educational opportunity for which you are applying:

Date of course, conference, purchase or other request for funding & cost: *(Attach copy of receipts)*

Have you received a scholarship in the past? If yes, when? _____

What scholarship amount are you requesting? *(\$200 max)* _____

Will you need your scholarship funds in advance
(This is not guaranteed, considered on a case by case basis) _____

On a separate sheet of paper please highlight why you wish to receive this scholarship (personal/ professional expectations), and how you intend to use the scholarship funds.