Bridge the Gap Scholarship Application
Academic Year 2018-2019

OUR MISSION

The Quell Foundation strives to reduce the number of suicides, overdoses and incarcerations of people with mental health illness. We work to accomplish this by encouraging people to share their stories, increasing access to mental health services, providing a pipeline of future mental health care professionals with scholarships, and training first responders to recognize mental health crisis warning signs amongst their own. There’s a severe stigma associated with mental health illness that prevents those closest to us from getting the help they need. By promoting open, judgment-free dialogue, together we can shatter the stigma and normalize the conversation around mental health.

Award

The Quell Foundation Bridge the Gap Scholarship is awarded to third or fourth year Undergraduate students or Graduate students pursuing a degree in psychology, social work or other fields of study related to the provision of mental health services. The award was established as a means of fulfilling The Quell Foundation’s mission to increase the talent pipeline through scholarship awards to students entering the mental healthcare profession, expand the delivery of needed mental health care services and promote reformation to extend the scope of clinical behavioral health professional services.
This important recognition is accompanied with:

- A one-year distribution of a $1,000 - $2,000 scholarship.
- Opportunity to participate in the foundation’s awareness events/activities.
- An invitation to the 3rd Annual Quell Foundation Masquerade Ball on 11/10/18.

Application deadline is April 1, 2018

Award notification will be announced by May 15, 2018

Eligibility and Renewal Requirements

The Quell Foundation Bridge the Gap Scholarship is a one-time, merit-based award. Third or fourth year Undergraduate students or Graduate students interested in applying for the scholarship may obtain and submit an application through The Quell Foundation website (thequellfoundation.org). Awards will be made to those students who demonstrate a high level of scholarship and/or history of employment and training that reflects a commitment to work.

To be eligible you must meet the following criteria:

- Student must be pursuing a degree in the field of psychology, social work or other related field.
- Student must be enrolled into an accredited College or University.
- Student must be matriculated and maintain at least part-time enrollment in their program.
• Students must obtain a passing grade in all classes.
• Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 each Financial Aid Year.
• Award must be applied to degree granting institution before the start of the next financial aid year.
• Student will be asked to help facilitate showing of the Foundation’s *Lift the Mask* documentary on their college campus and encouraged to participate in community awareness events/activities.
• Award recipients must adhere to all behavioral, professional and ethical guidelines set forth by the educational institution.
• Award recipients must demonstrate an understanding and commitment to The Quell Foundation’s Mission.
• Following award notification, recipients will be asked to submit a headshot and 20 second thank you video clip, which the foundation will share with our generous donors.
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**Application Instructions**

1. Please complete all sections of the application form.

2. Provide an official copy of a college/university transcript from the most recent academic work.

3. Write a personal statement describing your reasons for pursuing a degree. The essay should be approximately 500 words and should include information regarding your career goals, interests and work experiences (paid or volunteer), as well as any additional information that provides some insight about your commitment to maintaining your mental health.

4. Obtain two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who are familiar with your academic and/or professional skills and experiences. Letters must be submitted electronically as attachments.
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| Student Status: FT ___ PT ___ | Year of Study: |

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| Internship/Practicum Site (if applicable): | Will be Seeking Internship: Y____N____ |

| Employed: N/A ___ FT ___ PT ___ | Employer: |


Application Checklist

(Only completed applications will be considered)

Please be sure to include the following with your application:

___ Official college/university transcript
___ Personal statement
___ Two letters of recommendation (attached electronically)

Submit applications electronically by April 1, 2018 to:
Scholarships@thequellfoundation.org

For additional questions:
P.O. Box 1925
North Falmouth, MA 02556
Scholarships@thequellfoundation.org

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