

Survivor Scholarship Application

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21



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.

THE AWARD

The Quell Survivor Scholarship is awarded to select high school seniors or current undergraduate/graduate students who have experienced the devastating loss of a parent, caregiver or sibling to suicide. The award was established by The Quell Foundation's Irene Pasierb Memorial Fund as a means to educate communities and individuals about the disparities in care and effective treatment protocols afforded to the vulnerable and stigmatized population with a mental health illness.

IRENE PASIERB MEMORIAL FUND

Irene Pasierb was born in Western Massachusetts in 1932. As the youngest daughter of Polish immigrants, she excelled in academia, music, and community involvement. To her friends, she was 'Nina' or 'Rene.' As a high school Junior, Irene won a medal given by the Daughters of the American Revolution for writing the best essay on any patriotic subject. She graduated with high honors in 1949, and her yearbook photo was captioned, 'And she had a face like a blessing.'

With a passion for learning, Irene pursued her post-secondary education at the Mass General Hospital of Nursing, graduating in 1952. Over the next decade, Irene married and started her family. In the years that followed she began her fight with diminishing mental health. She battled schizophrenia and clinical depression and required hospitalization on several occasions. In 1975 at the age of 43, Irene took her life; ending her battle with the illness, she tried so hard to stave off. She left four children ages 12-22 when she passed.

Surviving the life-changing loss of their mother, and with the same passion for education, each of her children went on to earn a graduate degree in their respective field of study. The Quell Foundation Survivor Scholarship is funded, in whole, by one of Irene's daughters: A national leader in her field.

This important recognition is accompanied with:

- A one-year distribution of a \$1,000 scholarship.
- Opportunity to participate in the foundation's awareness events/activities.

Application window - March 1, 2020 - April 15, 2020

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Quell Foundation Survivor Scholarship is a one-time, merit-based award. Awards will be made to those students who demonstrate a high level of scholarship and/or a history of employment and training that reflects a commitment to work.

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- Student must have lost a parent, caregiver or sibling to suicide.
- Student must be accepted into an accredited College or University.
- Student must be matriculated and maintain at least part-time enrollment in an undergraduate/graduate program.
- Students must obtain a passing grade in all classes.
- Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.40.
- Award must be applied to degree granting institution within academic year '20-'21.
- Student will be encouraged to help facilitate showing of the Foundation's Lift the Mask documentary on their college campus and 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 encouraged to submit a headshot and/or 30 second thank you video clip, which the foundation will share with our generous donors.

SURVIVOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

- Complete all sections of the application form.
- Provide electronic copy of high school/college/university unofficial transcript.
- Write a personal statement describing your reasons for pursuing a degree including an impact statement about the loss of your loved one who died by suicide. This 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. **Please note: All Essays must include Name and Scholarship being applied for in the header of the document.**
- Provide the name two references from individuals who are familiar with your academic and/or professional skills and experiences.

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FULL NAME

HOME ADDRESS*

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE (PERSONAL)

EMAIL

HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT/ GUARDIAN/ NEXT OF KIN (IF UNDER 18)

PARENT/ GUARDIAN/ NEXT OF KIN PHONE

UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE (PLEASE USE FULL NAME)

STATE

STUDENT I.D. **

DEGREE PROGRAM

INTERNSHIP / PRACTICUM SITE **

YEAR OF STUDY (IN ACADEMIC YEAR '20-'21)

CREDITS EARNED TO DATE PROJECTED GRADUATION DATE (MM/YY)

STUDENT STATUS:

Full Time

Part Time

EMPLOYED:

EMPLOYER

N/A

Full Time

Part Time

RELATION TO DECEASED FAMILY MEMBER

YEAR OF LOSS

*If awarded the scholarship, your check will be mailed here. ** If available at time of application

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REFERENCES 1

FULL NAME

PHONE

EMAIL

RELATIONSHIP

REFERENCES 2

FULL NAME

PHONE

EMAIL

RELATIONSHIP

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Only completed applications with required attachments will be considered. *PLEASE NOTE: Early or late submissions will not be reviewed.* Essay must include Name and Scholarship being applied for in the application header.

Be sure to include the following with your application:

- Unofficial academic transcript (electronic)
- Personal statement with impact statement
- Completed application

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- Application period for this award will begin on March 1, 2020
- Submit applications electronically by April 15, 2020, 11:59 p.m. EST
- Please email all materials to: scholarships@thequellfoundation.org.
- All early and late applications will be disqualified. No exceptions.
- Subject line should read: Last Name. First Initial (Ex. Wilk. R)
- Please contact scholarships@thequellfoundation.org with questions and concerns.