



# Mental Health America of Greater Tarrant County Scholarship Announcement

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## I. Scholarship Information

Money awarded to students based on academic or other achievements are generally used to help pay for education expenses. Due to state and federal requirements as well as institutional regulations, all scholarships must be disbursed by the school's financial aid office. There are a wide range of scholarship selection criteria that is chosen at the discretion of the funding agency. Application submission deadlines and award notices can be announced year-round as many students attend school in the summer as well.

## II. Timeline for Fall 2019 Award

<b>April 1-30, 2019</b>	Student Scholarship Application Submissions Open
<b>May 1-17, 2019</b>	Selection Review Process
<b>May 20, 2019</b>	Deadline for Scholarship Decisions
<b>June 3, 2019</b>	Scholarship Award Announcement
<b>June 10, 2019</b>	Scholarship Award in Person

## III. Application Submissions

Applications can be submitted to:

Lisa Salinas, Mental Health America of Greater Tarrant County  
817-569-5781  
[lisa.salinas@mhac.org](mailto:lisa.salinas@mhac.org)

## IV. Basic Student Scholarship Announcement

1. We anticipate giving up to four scholarships of varying award amounts up to \$2,000 from the Patricia Pownder Conolly and Lillian Cooper Droke scholarship funds held by the Mental Health America of Greater Tarrant County. The number of scholarships and award amounts will depend on the strength of the applications.
2. Purpose of Scholarship Award and Commitment
  - a. To provide increased awareness of mental and behavioral health needs and social challenges, the Patricia Pownder Conolly and the Lillian Cooper Droke has donated scholarship funds to award up to \$2,000 to applicants who have an academic or career interest in pursuing the mental/behavioral health and/or social work fields.
  - b. To provide financial assistance to help pay for any type of mental/behavioral health coursework, textbooks, fees, school-sponsored workshops, etc.
3. Checks are made payable to the school's financial aid office and the school will reimburse student upon completion of class, proof of attendance, and semester grade.

## V. Scholarship Application Criteria

1. Must be a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Tarrant County
2. Must be in good standing with the college/university
3. Must be enrolled in coursework and/or have a declared degree plan for the following disciplines: any kind of psychology, social work, psychiatry/mental/behavioral health, social and behavioral sciences, behavioral / cognitive neuroscience, mental health or rehabilitative counseling or nursing, cognitive development, etc.
4. Prefer a GPA of 3.0, but candidates with strong applications will also be considered.
5. Write a 200-400-word essay on any personal, professional, academic, or volunteer experiences you have had experienced with any mental/behavioral health issues (including addiction) and how this has shaped your life and/or career choices.
6. Write a 100-200-word statement about your goals and aspirations to apply the knowledge you have learn through this scholarship opportunity.

## VI. Application Format

### Heading should include:

Date, Name, Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Contact Information,  
Coursework Enrolled Applicable to this Scholarship, Declared Degree

### Body should include:

Essay and Statement

## VII. Scholarship Selection Criteria:

- Essay is well written without grammatical errors, shows rational decision-making skills, shows empathy and compassion, lessons learned are realistic and the applied knowledge is reasonable.
- The coursework and/or degree plan meets the required criteria.
- The grade point average meets the requirement, exceeding the requirement will be given extra consideration.
- The statement about goals and aspirations, if they include experiencing self-described mental health issues as a consumer, working or volunteering in the mental / behavioral health or social work fields will be given extra consideration.
- Priority will be given to at least one award to a minority applicant with a mental health diagnosis (consumer) for the Lillian Cooper Droke award.
- Priority will be given to at least one award to a social work applicant for the Patricia Powder Connolly award.