

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

2016

The Travis Tringas Advanced Degree Scholarship:

Training Providers of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Treatment

For persons working in the field of mental health continuing their education

The Mental Health Association awards the *Travis Tringas Scholarship* to qualified persons advancing their education in the mental health/substance abuse field with an emphasis in children's treatment. Applicants must currently work in the field of mental health with experience in work with children. The applicant must be employed in Okaloosa or Walton Counties. Prospective recipients shall:

- provide a transcript, license, or diploma certificate that indicates an accredited undergraduate or graduate degree
- include a letter of endorsement and support from current employer,
- provide a letter of acceptance from a college/university offering an accredited advanced degree program in an area of mental health or substance abuse counseling, physician assistant, or ARNP.
- complete the attached scholarship questionnaire,
- include two letters of recommendation, and
- Interview with the MHA Scholarship Committee
- Provide 1 year of Child/Adolescent behavioral health services in Okaloosa or Walton Counties after degree is obtained.

Funding

The MHA Scholarship committee may award a \$3000 scholarship to the person selected by the Board. The recipient will be recognized at the Annual MHA Awards Reception in May, and the funding will be sent to the applicant's college/or University as invoices are submitted.

TimeLine

Completed applications must be received in the MHA office by Tuesday, April 19, 2016, close of Business. They should be mailed or faxed:

Mental Health Association of Okaloosa/Walton County
571 Mooney Road, NE
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547
Fax: (850) 244-2573

Interviews

Interviews will be TBD. at the Mental Health Association office at 571 Mooney Road, Fort Walton Beach. The MHA will call to inform you of your interview time. The Committee will interview the applicants in regard to the application questions.

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For persons working in the field of mental health/substance abuse seeking an advanced degree. Please print or type all information. Use additional paper if needed.

Name (first, middle, last)	
Address:	street
	City & zip
Telephone	Home
	Cell
Birth date	
Current Place of Employment	
Current Supervisor's Name	
Supervisor's Contact Number	
University and Department Chair's name, address, phone and email	
Have you been accepted?	
When do you plan to start?	
What degree are you pursuing?	
List organizations of which you are a member	
List special honors, awards that you have received and the year	
List your present and past community service or community organizations and the year	

Please answer the following questions:

What made you decide to enter the field of mental health and work with children?

What successes do you feel that you have accomplished in your profession?

What else do you plan to achieve or accomplish in your professional career?

Will you continue to work in Okaloosa or Walton Counties for 1 year after finishing your advanced degree?

Why do you think you would be a good recipient of the MHA scholarship?

Remember to attach your transcript and two letters of recommendation, plus the letter of support from your employer, and proof of acceptance from the Advanced Degree College or University.