Eugene R. Bonynge Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship

The Eugene R. Bonynge family and Woodland Centers sponsor a **$1000** annual scholarship award for a graduate student in the behavioral sciences.

Eugene R. Bonynge, Ph.D., was Woodland Centers' Chief Executive Officer from 1995 to January 24, 2010 when he died unexpectedly. As the CEO of a rural community mental health center, Dr. Bonynge was acutely aware of the challenges recruiting and retaining mental health professionals.

The Eugene R. Bonynge Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship was inspired by a wish to honor his legacy as a behavioral healthcare professional, researcher and administrator, and the desire of the Bonynge family to contribute to the professional development of a graduate student with roots in Minnesota.

Woodland Centers would like to aid in reaching the goals and aspirations of all individuals engaged in behavioral health studies. We have employment opportunities that may qualify individuals for government tuition reimbursement programs. Woodland Centers has a wide array of adult and youth programs and serves a seven county area. We are a highly reputable and long standing community mental health center celebrating over 60 years of service. We encourage interested applicants to visit the Woodland Centers website at www.woodlandcenters.com or visit us on Facebook for more information about our agency and services. The scholarship information can also be found on our website under "who we are."

Qualifications of Applicants:

1. The applicant must be a US resident and have graduated from a high school in Minnesota (or participated in homeschool in Minnesota).
2. The applicant must be a student enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment in, a **graduate training program in a behavioral science field** which upon professional licensure would qualify as any of the following: Licensed Psychologist (LP), Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), or Licensed Practicing Clinical Counselor (LPCC).
3. The applicant must be in good academic standing (minimum required cumulative GPA of 3.0) in graduate program (or undergraduate program if not currently enrolled in graduate program)

How to apply

1. A complete application (including all letters and supporting documentation) should be sent to:

   Woodland Centers, c/o CEO, 1125 6th Street SE Willmar, MN 56201

   OR

   ashley.kjos@wcenters.org

2. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 15th**

How the scholarship recipient is selected:

1. Applications are reviewed by the Selection Committee (Woodland Centers' CEO; one Woodland Centers Board member; representatives of the Bonynge Family)
2. Incomplete applications will not be considered
3. Scholarships will not be awarded to applicants who are not qualified.
4. Preference will be given to applicants who express interest in rural mental health professional practice upon completion of graduate training.

How the scholarship award is made:

1. After the application deadline has passed, the Selection Committee will review the applications and make its selection by majority vote. In the case of a tie vote, the Bonynge Family Representatives make the selection.
2. The awardee will be contacted by mail and/or email in June or July
3. The awardee will be asked to receive the award in person (if possible) and participate in a photo with the Bonynge Family and Woodland Centers staff. The award will be dispersed at this time.

For any questions about the scholarship application or eligibility, please contact:

Ashley Kjos
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Woodland Centers
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Application Requirements

Demographic and Education Information:

1. Full Name
2. Current Address
3. Current Phone Number
4. Current Email Address
5. High school from which applicant graduated (or city in which applicant graduated from homeschool).
    a. Year of graduation
6. Undergraduate College or University currently attending or graduated from
    a. Year of graduation (anticipated graduation)
7. Graduate program attending or to be enrolled in
    a. Degree to be obtained
    b. Anticipated date of graduation

Additional Application Items Required for Submission:

1. Evidence of current enrollment OR letter of acceptance from graduate program
2. Evidence of good academic standing (minimum required cumulative GPA of 3.0) in graduate program (or undergraduate program if not currently enrolled in graduate program)
3. Resume or Curriculum Vita
4. Two letters from academic references
5. 750 word (maximum) essay about why you should be awarded the scholarship. Highlight your professional aspirations pertaining to rural mental health professional practice upon completion of your graduate degree.

This application is also available on our website https://www.woodlandcenters.com/who-we-are/