



**Recovery
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HS Scholarship Policy and Procedure for Recovery Resources TN

Policy Title: HS Scholarship Policy for Students Affected by Substance Use

Effective Date: 02.01.2025

Purpose:

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to high school seniors in the counties served by Recovery Resources TN (Sullivan, Washington and Carter to include Elizabethton, Kingsport, Bristol, and Johnson City) who are pursuing further education through college, technical school or any post high school education. This scholarship aims to empower students affected by substance use to continue their education and work towards a future free from the influence of addiction.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors from a high school located in the counties served by Recovery Resources TN. (Sullivan, Washington and Carter to include Elizabethton, Kingsport, Bristol, and Johnson City)
2. The applicant must have been directly affected by substance use, either personally or through a family member.
3. Applicants must plan to pursue post high school education. Funds will be disbursed directly to the student to assist in whatever way they see fit toward their pursuit of post high school education. .

Application Process:

1. Application Submission:
 - Essay Requirement:
 - Each applicant is required to submit an essay (250-500 words) responding to the following prompts:
 - Describe how substance use has impacted your life.



- Explain how the scholarship funds will support your pursuit of education and help you lead a life where substance use does not hinder your ability to thrive.
 - Essays should reflect the applicant's personal experiences, aspirations, and pursuit of further education..
 - Essays submitted via email to cameroncsydow@gmail.com or sent as picture to 423-963-0462.
2. Supporting Documents:
- Applicants must also provide:
 - A copy of their high school transcript.
 - Letters of recommendation (at least two) from teachers, counselors, or community leaders who can speak to the applicant's character and dedication.
 - Proof of post high school education acceptance/ enrollment.
 - Any additional documents requested by the scholarship committee.

Review and Selection Process:

1. Panel Composition:
- Scholarship applications and essays will be reviewed by a panel of alumni, board members and staff from Recovery Resources TN who have successfully navigated the challenges posed by substance use.
2. Evaluation Criteria:
- The panel will evaluate applications based on:
 - Personal impact of substance use (as articulated in the essay).
 - Clarity of goals and plans for the future.
 - Strength of supporting documents (transcripts, recommendations).
3. Selection of Recipients:
- The panel will select scholarship recipients based on the evaluation criteria and may choose multiple recipients depending on available funding.
 - Recipients will be notified of their selection via email and public announcement through Recovery Resources TN's social media and website.



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Award Distribution:

1. Scholarship Amount: TBD
 - The amount of the scholarship will be determined annually based on available funding, with recipients being informed of the awarded amount upon selection.
2. Funds Disbursement:
 - Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the student to be used as the student determines.

Policy Review:

This scholarship policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that it remains relevant to the needs of the community and fulfills its purpose of supporting students affected by substance use.