**Kennebec Behavioral Health Scholarship Program 2024**

Kennebec Behavioral Health believes that investing in the education and training of individuals who will become our future behavioral health professionals is critically important. Workforce development specific to mental health and substance use disorder is key to ensuring that KBH will be able to fulfill its mission for many years to come.

To that end, up to ten $1,000 scholarships will be awarded each year to local graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education in a field related to behavioral health. One student from each of the high schools listed below, and will be selected by the school’s scholarship committee. Scholarship recipients will be notified by school officials during their senior awards ceremony. A copy of the selected student’s scholarship application and his or her contact information will be forwarded to KBH once the student has been notified.

To be eligible, students must:

1. be graduating seniors from Cony High School, Erskine Academy, Lawrence High School, Maranacook High School, Winslow High School, Waterville Senior High School, Gardiner High School, Winthrop High School, Mt Blue High School or Skowhegan High School, and
2. be accepted at an accredited college, university or technical school including but not limited to Kennebec Valley Community College, University of Maine, UNE (University of New England), and USM (University of Southern Maine) as well as accredited colleges and universities outside the state of Maine, and
3. plan to major in a behavioral health field, and
4. have at least a B average or equivalent in high school

Additionally, KBH will offer at least one $1,000 community-wide scholarship to a student that lives or goes to school in Somerset, Franklin or Kennebec counties but does not attend one of the above-mentioned high schools. Eligible schools include but are not limited to – Maine Central Institute (MCI), Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (MeANS), Monmouth Academy, Messalonskee High School, Hall-Dale, Carrabec High School, Forest Hills Consolidated School, Madison High School, Upper Kennebec Valley Senior High School, Spruce Mountain High School, Mt. Abram Regional High School and Waterville Alternative High School. A copy of the community-wide scholarship application can be found on Kennebec Behavioral Health’s website at kbhmaine.org. To be eligible, students must meet requirements 2, 3, and 4 and listed above. More information is detailed on our website.

To receive the Scholarship Award payment:

For students who are awarded a KBH scholarship, the payment will be sent directly to the student’s college or university during the spring semester of the following year. In order to request the scholarship payment:

1. the student must provide evidence of having successfully completed the first semester as a full-time student in good standing (passing grade in all subjects),
2. the student must provide evidence of enrollment as a full-time student for a second semester, and
3. the second semester referred to above must begin within 30 months of the awarding of the scholarship.

For more information contact:

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| Student Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Phone Number:  |  |
| Home E-mail: |  |
| Name of High School: |  |
| Accepting College/University: |  |

In an essay not to exceed 200 words, describe why you are interested in pursuing a career in the behavioral health field.

Please describe your secondary school scholastic activities, including all honors and leadership positions you have held.

Please describe briefly all other activities in which you are involved (sports, community service) whether through the school or other organization, for example church, scouting, 4H, etc., noting again all leadership positions you have held and/or awards or designations you have received.

Please return the completed application to your high school Guidance Office.