

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Fairbanks Scholarships

Purpose: The purpose of the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Fairbanks **Joy Albin Memorial, Ann Denardo Memorial, Rural Campus, and Graduate Scholarships** is to provide scholarships to part-time or full-time students in any field of study at UAF. First preference is given to those who have been treated for a serious mental illness. Preference is also given to other students who are interested in education, advocacy and removal of stigma regarding mental illness, particularly those majoring in the disciplines of counseling, psychology, social work or similar fields and who intend to serve those who live with mental illness.

Qualifications

1. Applicants should demonstrate motivation, academic and leadership potential.
2. Applicants must be in good academic standing.
3. Applicants must be full-time or part-time students enrolled at UAF (any number of credits).
4. First preference is given to those students who have been treated for a serious mental illness (doctor's statement must be submitted with application but no detailed diagnosis of the illness is necessary; confidentiality will be maintained).
5. Second preference is given to those students who are family members of someone who has been treated for a serious mental illness and who is majoring in the disciplines of counseling, psychology, social work or similar field, who intends to serve those who live with mental illness.
6. Third preference is given to any students who are majoring in the same disciplines listed above who intend to serve those who live with mental illness.
7. Fourth preference is for students in any field of study interested in education, advocacy and removal of stigma regarding mental illness.

Forfeiture of Award: Recipient will forfeit the funding if he or she does not enroll in the semester in which the award is to be in effect or is placed on academic probation.

Application Procedure: Applicants must submit the 2011-2012 NAMI Scholarships application available from UAF Financial Aid or NAMI of Fairbanks by 5 p.m. on December 12, 2011.

Return completed applications to:

NAMI Scholarships
c/o UAF Financial Aid Scholarship Coordinator
107 Eielson Building
PO Box 756360; Fairbanks, AK 99775
fax 907-474-7065
scholarships@uaf.edu

General questions about this scholarship can be addressed to NAMI of Fairbanks, 456-4704, or to the Scholarship Coordinator, (907) 474-6228, e-mail scholarships@uaf.edu. Also check out more scholarship information on UAF's website at: <http://www.uaf.edu/finaid/types/scholarships.html>

DEADLINE: 5 p.m., December 12, 2011

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and educational institution.



2011-2012 NAMI of Fairbanks Scholarships Application

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Please submit this application along with an essay describing your educational goals and objectives, your involvement in curricular and extracurricular activities, your employment history, and your plans and timeframe for meeting your educational goals. If you are not a mental health consumer, describe how you plan to serve those who live with mental illness after completing your degree. The essay should be no longer than one page (approximately 500 words). This essay is very important and a required part of your application. Applicants must also submit two (2) letters of recommendation. Inform your references that the letters must be returned to you so you can submit them with your application by December 12, 2011. Confidential recommendations (not required) may be submitted in sealed envelopes. The references must be current within the past year. If you are a mental health consumer, include a letter from a mental health professional verifying that you were or are receiving treatment for mental illness.

Applications must be **received (not postmarked)** by 5 p.m. on December 12, 2011. Applications may be submitted to the Scholarship Coordinator by mail to PO Box 756360, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775, by hand to 107 Eielson Building on the UAF campus, by fax 474-7065 or by email to scholarships@uaf.edu.

1. **Name:** _____

2. **Student ID (or social security number):**

3. **Current Mailing Address:** (valid until _____)

4. **Telephone:** Day () _____ - _____

Eve () _____ - _____

Email: _____

5. **Citizenship:**

USA

Other: _____

6. **Alaska Resident:**

No

Yes, since (year) _____

7. **Sex:**

Male

Female

8. **Place of Birth:** _____

city

state

Date of Birth: _____

9. **Class Standing as of Fall Semester 2011:**

Freshman, new, first time in college

Freshman, transfer or continuing

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Graduate

10. **Number of enrolled credits:**

Fall 2011 _____

Spring 2012 _____

11. **Expected College Graduation Date:**

12. **Current campus:**

13. **Your academic major:**

Emphasis within your major (list or describe):

14. **Current Cumulative G.P.A.:**

(If you have not completed one semester of college, please use your high school cumulative G.P.A. or equivalent; if you have completed at least one semester of college, please use your college cumulative G.P.A. This should match your transcripts – do NOT send in your transcripts.)

15. **Estimated Financial Need**

Total costs for school year(include tuition and living expenses; see www.uaf.edu/uaf/costs): _____

Estimated financial assistance from other sources: _____

Estimated financial contribution from student: _____

Financial need remaining: _____

16. **Additional Information:** the NAMI Scholarship is for students who have experienced mental illness, either personally or within their family. Please check below all that apply to you:

- I have been treated for a serious mental illness. Please attach a note from your doctor verifying this (no details of diagnosis necessary). This application will remain confidential.
 I have a family member who has been treated for a serious mental illness, and I am majoring in counseling, psychology, social work or similar field intending to serve the mentally ill.
 I am majoring in counseling, psychology, social work or similar field and intend to serve the mentally ill.
 I am interested in education, advocacy and removal of stigma regarding mental illness.

Don't forget to attach (do not send separately) your essay and letters of recommendation!

I certify that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Financial Aid Office to release my transcripts and other academic information to the NAMI Scholarship Committee and other third parties for the purpose of scholarship consideration. I give permission for the University of Alaska Fairbanks or the UA Foundation to release information about myself and the name and amount of the scholarship if I am awarded a scholarship based on this application.

Signature (required): _____ Date: _____