# DARREN FLEEGER ALLEGANY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTHASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP SCHOOL YEAR 2025 – 2026

The Allegany County Mental Health Association is pleased to announce the availability of a scholarship for mental health consumers who are planning on furthering their education. We seek to recognize the efforts of people who are fighting the devastation of mental illness.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- 1. Applicants must be residents of Allegany County.
- 2. Applicants must be past or present consumers of mental health services.
- 3. Applicants must be pursuing associate or bachelor level college degree.
- 4. Applicants must be entering or enrolled in school as an undergraduate either full or part-time. Field of study does <u>NOT</u> have to be related to mental health, human services, psychology, etc. Our objective is to assist consumers in furthering their education.
- 5. **Ineligible** to apply are Allegany County Mental Health Association (ACMHA) Board Members, and ACMHA former Board members who have resigned in the last year.

#### **GRANT**

- 1. The grant is for the school year 2025 -2026, one-half payable in September and one-half payable in January.
- 2. The grant is in the amount of \$700.00
- Before any grant funds are paid, the recipient must provide proof that he/she are enrolled in the college program described in the Letter of Application, and is in Academic good standing.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Send a **TYPED** Letter of Application which includes the following information:
  - A. Previous school, degree sought, and degree completion date.
  - B. Academic background.
  - C. Level of academic success (grades, honors). **Official Transcripts** from high school or college only.
  - D. Career goals.
  - E. Experience in the mental health fields (paid and/or volunteer).
  - F. Financial need.
  - G. Present name and address.
- A Letter of Recommendation from a past or present service provider familiar with your background and career objectives. Additional letters of personal references would be helpful.
- 3. The Letter of Application and Letter of Recommendation should be sent to:

Deborah Marshall Psy D, Chair Scholarship Committee Allegany County MHA 55 Chamberlain Street Wellsville, NY 14895

\*For more information, please call (585)593-1991. Please note Letters of Application and Letters of Recommendation will <u>ONLY</u> be accepted at the above address.

#### **DEADLINES**

- Your Letter of Application and Letter of Recommendation <u>MUST</u> be postmarked by April 20, 2025.
- 2. At the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, interviews may be conducted with the best qualified candidates.
- 3. The winner of the scholarship will be announces by the Allegany County Mental Health Association during National Mental Health Month in May 2025.
- 4. Mental Health consumers will be recognized publicly for the scholarships unless otherwise requested.
- 5. A person may win one of the four ACM HA Scholarships, but not all four.