

**REGINALD AND MILDRED SOOTHERAN
ALLEGANY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
SCHOOL YEAR 2026 – 2027**

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 entering or enrolled in school as an undergraduate student, either full or part-time. Field of study does **NOT** have to be related to mental health, human services, psychology, etc. **Our objective is to assist consumers in furthering their education.**
4. **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 2026 -2027, one-half payable in September and one-half payable in January.
2. The grant is in the amount of \$700.00
3. 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.
2. 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 **ONLY be accepted at the above address.*

DEADLINES

1. Your Letter of Application and Letter of Recommendation **MUST** be postmarked by **April 30, 2026**.
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 announced by the Allegany County Mental Health Association during National Mental Health Month in May 2026.
4. A person may be awarded one of the four ACMHA Scholarships but not all four.
5. Mental Health consumers will be recognized publicly for the scholarships unless otherwise requested.