

**EDWARD AND EVELYN BRIGGS
ALLEGANY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
SCHOOL YEAR 2026 – 2027**

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be residents of Allegany County.
2. Applicants must be undergraduate students, either full or part-time, **pursuing education/and or training in one or more of the various mental health fields** (e.g. psychology, social work, human services, gerontology. Psychiatric nursing, counseling, etc.).
3. Applicants intending to work in Allegany County after completion of their degree will be given preference.
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. Present school, program, 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 one faculty member or academic advisor familiar with your present college or high school program is **REQUIRED**. The letter should address your academic performances and your career promise.
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.