Suicide Prevention Network (SPN)

Father William Nadeau Scholarship Fund Application Criteria

"A Legacy of Hope and Giving"

In honor of Father Bill Nadeau, a local Catholic Priest for 56 years and an active SPN Board Member, who believed that we all have unique gifts to share with the world, SPN is offering scholarships to Douglas County Seniors who are pursuing a higher education or career pathway in the fields of mental wellness or first responder services.

Criteria for Scholarship:

1. Scholarship funds must be used at a vocational school, academy, training program, or a two-year or four-year institution, in or out-of-state, and be related to a mental wellness field (i.e. psychology, social work, counseling, etc.) or a first responder career pathway (i.e. law enforcement, fire service, dispatch, or related public safety professions). The funds may be used towards a different field of study, if they are awarded to an applicant on the grounds of school or community service directly related to mental wellness or suicide prevention during their high school years.
2. Unweighted GPA of at least 3.0.
3. Completion of a maximum 500-word essay encompassing the following:
    I. Your understanding of SPN's mission and its benefits to Douglas County.
    II. Explain what mental wellness, compassion, and helping others means to you and why you would like to pursue an education or career in a mental wellness or a first responder profession. If you are not pursuing one of these career pathways, please explain why it was important to you to participate in school or community service directly related to mental wellness or suicide prevention during your high school years.
    III. Provide examples of how you support those around you and contribute to your school or community.
    IV. Explain how these experiences have shaped your desire to pursue higher education or a career in a mental wellness or first responder profession, or how your school or community services related to mental wellness or suicide prevention has impacted your personal growth and future goals.
4. Finalists will be required to attend a 10-minute in-person interview with the SPN Scholarship Committee.

Note: 1) This Scholarship has been created by the Suicide Prevention Network under the Father William Nadeau Scholarship Fund. 2) Application will be rejected, if suspected that AI was used to draft any part of the application.