

Four Rivers Healthy Community is pleased to announce:

NATHANIEL SEAN STRINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



IN MEMORY OF
NATHANIEL SEAN STRINGER
1986-2021

**SCHOLARSHIP IS OPEN TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES
IN RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION
APPLICATIONS DUE BY FEBRUARY 27, 2026
VISIT 4RHC.ORG FOR APPLICATION AND MORE INFORMATION**

Four Rivers Healthy Community, PO Box 923, Ontario OR 97914

Nathaniel Sean Stringer Memorial Scholarship Application

<u>Applicant Name:</u>	
<u>Mailing Address:</u>	
<u>E-mail Address:</u>	<u>Phone #:</u>
<u>Date of Application:</u>	
<u>Name of college/technical/trade school planning to attend:</u>	
<u>Anticipated date funds are needed:</u>	

Introduction:

The *Matthew W. Stringer Fund c/o Oregon Community Foundation* makes the **Nathaniel Sean Stringer Memorial Scholarship** available to people of all ages in recovery from addiction to attend any community college, university, or continuing education opportunity, including certificate and professional development programs. The Stringer Memorial Scholarship is administered through Four Rivers Healthy Community, Inc.

Nathaniel "Sean" Stringer was passionate about peer services and helped many people in recovery. Nathaniel struggled with addiction for over twenty years. He made great efforts in recovery and became a Certified Recovery Mentor. Working as a peer in recovery, he would meet people where they were at in their journey and help them make the next healthy step. As a life-long learner, he believed in the pursuit of education and betterment. He was a tremendous example of the power of dedication and the importance of having family and community support. Nathaniel died in October 2021 -- in his honor, the Matthew W. Stringer Fund will provide an opportunity for select applicants to achieve their educational goals through this scholarship.

Process:

Those interested in the scholarship can complete the following application, sharing the impacts of their addiction and the progress of their recovery, including efforts that have been made to achieve life goals. Applicants may share how their sustained recovery and continuing education will affect the lives of those around them and set an example for others in recovery.

An in-person interview will be scheduled for applicants who are chosen after the applications are scored. A total of 100 points can be achieved through the written application, and an additional 100 points can be achieved through the interview process. Potential awardees will be notified prior to the interview via e-mail. A panel of Four Rivers Healthy Community board of directors and scholarship committee members will be assembled to review each application and conduct the interviews. Finalists may be asked to provide additional information prior to the award.

The maximum scholarship award is \$5,000. Four Rivers Healthy Community reserves the right to award scholarships in smaller amounts based on the number of qualifying applications or other criteria. Awards will be disbursed to the school or training program based on educational costs. Applicants should request the amount needed to pay for tuition or registration. If awards outside of tuition or registration are requested through this scholarship, applicants will be asked to submit an itemized list or receipts for expenses.

For applicants attending a community college or university, the award money is generally applied after classes commence and will be available through the school's financial aid office as needed to cover the costs of tuition and education-related expenses. Applicants attending a technical/trade school, college or university are expected to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid [fafsa.gov](https://www.fafsa.gov) for the current year and be prepared to share the recommended financial aid options. It is *not* advised that applicants rely solely on this scholarship to pay for all educational costs. Students receiving Pell Grants or full tuition coverage from other sources may be eligible to receive a payment for education-related expenses (i.e. books, supplies, housing, transportation).

Applications will be available on the Four Rivers Healthy Community website at 4RHC.org and are **due no later than February 27, 2026**. Applications post-marked after this date will not be accepted. **Awards will be announced by May 1, 2026**. If applicants are awarded funds and later refuse the funds, or do not pursue their education within six months of award approval, the award may be distributed to another applicant.

Confidentiality:

Any information provided within this scholarship application is confidential. Original applications will be retained securely by Four Rivers Healthy Community for administrative purposes and applicant information will only be available to the selection committee during the interview and selection process. Any sensitive information applicants choose to supply as part of an application is completely voluntary. In some instances, the selection committee may require input from a reference, or consultation with a donor. For questions, contact Four Rivers Healthy Community at info@4RHC.org.

Instructions to Applicants:

Please provide complete answers to questions in the narrative section on the following page. Take the time necessary to fully answer each question in no more than five pages total. Answers must be single spaced and 12-point font, on single sided pages.

The application package consists of the following:

- Cover page (page 1 of this packet containing basic applicant information);
- Scholarship Narrative (answers to questions on page 3 of this packet), not more than five pages;
- FAFSA Student Aid Report [fafsa.gov](https://www.fafsa.gov) for technical/trade school, college or university applicants;
- High school transcript, GED certificate, or high school equivalency diploma if applicable;
- College or technical/trade school transcript if applicable; and
- College or technical/trade school acceptance letter, if applicable, or details of proposed program or course of choice.

Submit completed application package, no later than February 27, 2026, to:

Four Rivers Healthy Community
Attention: Stringer Memorial Scholarship
P.O. Box 923
Ontario, OR 97914

Nathaniel Sean Stringer Memorial Scholarship Narrative

Answers should be single spaced, in 12-point font, on no more than five total single-sided pages.

Recovery from Addiction: 25 points

- How much time do you currently have in recovery from addiction?
- What have you learned about yourself during the process of recovery?
- What are ways you would improve the system to help others who need treatment and recovery?
- Is there anything else you'd like to share about your lived experience?

Community Involvement: 25 points

- Describe your experience living in Malheur County, Oregon or Payette / Washington Counties in Idaho.
- How do you think your education or training program will impact your involvement in this community?

Financial Need: 25 points

- Explain your financial need and how you determined this need.
- Have you applied for other scholarships, grants, or loans?
- Describe any other sources of income including familial support.
- How will you meet your financial obligations while in this program?

Educational or Career Goals: 25 points

- Explain your educational goals. Include where you plan to attend, if you have been accepted, and other important information.
- Will you seek a specific degree or certification? If so, what is it called?
- Describe the support you have to help you succeed in this program.
- Describe the support you do not have that would help you be successful.
- What is your plan if this scholarship is not awarded to you?