

Nathaniel Sean Stringer Memorial Scholarship Application

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

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 college or university are expected to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form at fafsa.gov for the current year and be prepared to share the recommended financial aid options. It is *not* recommended that you 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 January 31, 2024**. Applications post-marked after this date will not be accepted. **Awards will be announced by February 29, 2024**. If applicants are awarded funds and later refuse the funds, or do not pursue their education within six months of the award approval, their award may be distributed to another applicant.

Confidentiality:

Any information you provide within this scholarship application is confidential. Your scholarship application will be retained securely by Four Rivers Healthy Community for administrative purposes only, and will be processed directly by the Board of Directors. Any sensitive information you choose to supply as part of your application is completely voluntary. In some instances, the selection process may require input from a committee or consultation with a donor. For questions, contact Four Rivers Healthy Community at info@4RHC.org.

Instructions:

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

Submit your completed application package, no later than January 31, 2024, to:

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

The application package consists of the following:

- Cover page (page one of this packet);
- Scholarship Narrative (questions on page 3 of this packet);
- FAFSA Student Aid Report (fafsa.gov), (college or university applicants);
- High school or college transcript (if you've attended school in the last year); and
- College or technical/trade school acceptance letter, if applicable, or details of proposed program or course of choice.

Nathaniel Sean Stringer Memorial Scholarship Narrative

No more than five pages, single spaced, in 12-point font.

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 and 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?