

Rae of Change: Lucy's Legacy Scholarship Opportunity

The Rae of Change Scholarship aims to empower young individuals who are committed to breaking the stigma around addiction and mental health, promoting resilience, and making a lasting impact on their communities. This scholarship is awarded to students/young adults who have faced or witnessed mental health or addiction challenges and have shown outstanding dedication to positive change through advocacy, volunteerism, or academic/career goals in related fields.

Eligibility:

The scholarships are open to high school seniors, college students, or young adults (ages 16-26) who are actively involved in mental health awareness, addiction recovery support, or community-based efforts that align with Rae of Change's mission. We welcome applicants who have demonstrated leadership, resilience, and a strong commitment to creating supportive, healthy communities. Preference will be given to those with personal experience in overcoming adversity and those pursuing careers in mental health, social work, or community service.

The application deadline is **November 8th, 2024**. Email your completed application materials to info@raeofchange.org. We will be selecting 1-2 scholarship recipients who will be awarded their scholarship at our November 15th, 2024 Dinner Gala at the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds, near Colfax, WA. The awarded scholarship funds can be used for furthering your education, career training, or towards expenses involved with rebuilding after recovery. The awarded scholarship funds will be applied to the approved life advancement venture on your behalf. You must demonstrate that you are in a place to move forward in a positive way in your life, and we'd love to hear how funding might assist you in doing so. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a movement that's changing lives and strengthening communities.

Scholarship Criteria

To promote understanding and involvement in the Rae of Change: Lucy's Legacy movement, scholarships are available for students who demonstrate a commitment to addressing drug abuse and mental health issues. Here are the criteria and personal essay prompts to apply for the scholarship:

1. Personal Statement (500 words max):

"Share your story and how your experiences have shaped your commitment to mental health, addiction recovery, or community service. Describe the challenges you've faced or witnessed related to mental health or substance abuse, and explain how they have influenced your goals and aspirations. How have you used these experiences to make a positive impact in your community?"

2. Community Impact and Leadership (300 words max):

"Describe a specific instance where you took action to promote mental health awareness, support addiction recovery, or reduce stigma in your community. What motivated you to get involved, and what was the outcome of your efforts? If you could expand this work in the future, how would you envision its impact?"

3. Future Goals and Vision (250 words max):

"How do you plan to use your education and future career to contribute to the fields of mental health, addiction recovery, or community support? Explain how receiving this scholarship will help you achieve these goals and advance Rae of Change's mission."

4. Optional - Financial Need (150 words max):

"If applicable, describe any financial circumstances that create an obstacle to achieving your educational or career goals. How would this scholarship support you in overcoming these challenges?"

Additional Requirements

- **Deadline:** Applications must be submitted by **11:59 PM on November 8th, 2024.**
- **Recommendation Letter:** Please include 1-2 recommendation letter(s) from a mentor, teacher, community leader, or employer who can speak to your commitment to mental health awareness, addiction recovery, or community service.
- **Interview:** Be prepared for a brief interview to discuss your essay and experiences further.

Empowering Change Through Storytelling

"Empowering Change, One Story at a Time" emphasizes the power of storytelling in fostering change. Sharing personal experiences can inspire others to seek help and make positive choices. By highlighting stories of recovery and resilience, we can create a supportive community that encourages growth and healing.

Rae of Change: Lucy's Legacy empowers individuals to understand and address drug abuse and mental health challenges in their communities. By sharing stories and creating support systems, we can foster a culture of healing and hope. Engaging with this initiative not only enriches your understanding but also opens doors for scholarships that can help you make a positive impact. Remember, your voice matters, and together, we can inspire change.

We appreciate your interest in our scholarship program, and look forward to seeing what the future holds for you - regardless of who is awarded these scholarships. If you're here, submitting an application, we already know you aspire to do something meaningful with your life, and we hope to be a part of your story in helping you do so, through a scholarship or involvement in our programs in other ways. Don't be a stranger; we're rooting for you.