



SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION NETWORK USA

Eleanor Bennett Scholarship

Description of the Award

Long-time suicide survivor activist Eleanor Bennett generously bequeathed funds from her estate to the Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN USA) in the memory of her husband and son, both of whom died by suicide. These funds are to be used to assist suicide survivors and attempt survivors in their efforts to advance suicide prevention, by helping underwrite activities relevant to suicide prevention. The scholarship is a one-time award up to \$500. Activities funded by the Eleanor Bennett Scholarship may include registration/travel expenses associated with participating in activities relevant to suicide prevention.

Application Procedure

Applicants must complete the form and attach a 250-word essay describing how the activity for which they are seeking scholarship support will further their own education and/or contribute to the advancement of suicide prevention, be it at the community, state or nation level. This essay should include something about the individual's experience as a suicide survivor and/or attempt survivor and member of SPAN USA.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee shall consist of three individuals, at least one of whom is a member of the SPAN USA Board of Directors. The Selection Committee will review all applications on a quarterly basis and notify awardees within that quarter. For planning purposes, all scholarship forms should be submitted at least six months in advance of the event or activity and in advance of each quarterly deadline: January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st.

Additional Requirements

All awardees will be asked to submit a 250-word essay at the completion of their activity, describing the activity/event that was funded by this scholarship and how it helped further the individual's education as it relates to suicide prevention and/or postvention or helped advance suicide prevention and/or postvention efforts at the community, state, and or national level. Selected essays may be excerpted and used on SPAN USA's website or in SPAN USA newsletters.

Qualifications

To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must be a current SPAN USA member or "SPAN USA Partner for Action" and seeking assistance to participate in an activity relevant to suicide prevention within the United States. Preference will be given to applicants who are SPAN USA community and/or quilt organizers or SPAN USA members with records of accomplishment in suicide prevention and/or postvention.

Application Process

Application form and essay are to be completed and returned to SPAN USA via mail or fax no later than the 1st day of each quarter (January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st). Late applications will not be considered.

Send via mail to:

SPAN USA, 1025 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 1066, Washington, DC 20005 or via

Or fax to: (202) 449-3601



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Eleanor Bennett Scholarship Form

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Amount requested: _____ Dates of event/activity: _____

Organization sponsoring the event/activity: _____

Brief description of event/activity: _____

Funds sought for: Travel Conference fees Event Equipment
 Materials (display, printed materials, etc) Other

If other, please specify: _____

How will your participation in this event/activity benefit SPAN USA?

If awarded a scholarship, do you agree to provide a 250-word essay describing your experience and authorize SPAN USA to excerpt that essay for use on its website or in its newsletter? YES NO

Please attach 250-word essay describing your request and how the activity for which you are seeking funding will further your own education and/or contribute to the advancement of suicide prevention, be it at the community, state or nation level.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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