

Eugene R. Bonynge Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship

The Eugene R. Bonynge family and Woodland Centers sponsor a **\$1000** annual scholarship award for a graduate student in the behavioral sciences.

Eugene R. Bonynge, Ph.D., was Woodland Centers' Chief Executive Officer from 1995 to January 24, 2010 when he died unexpectedly. As the CEO of a rural community mental health center, Dr. Bonynge was acutely aware of the challenges recruiting and retaining mental health professionals.

The Eugene R. Bonynge Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship was inspired by a wish to honor his legacy as a behavioral healthcare professional, researcher and administrator, and the desire of the Bonynge family to contribute to the professional development of a graduate student with roots in Minnesota.

Woodland Centers would like to aid in reaching the goals and aspirations of the selected participant. We have employment opportunities that may qualify individuals for government tuition reimbursement programs. Woodland Centers has a wide array of adult and youth programs and serves a seven county area. We encourage applicants to visit the Woodland Centers website at www.woodlandcenters.com.

Qualifications of Applicants:

1. The applicant must be a US resident and have graduated from a high school in the Minnesota.
2. The applicant must be a full-time student who is enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment in, a graduate training program in a behavioral science field which upon professional licensure would qualify as any of the following: Licensed Psychologist (LP), Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), or Licensed Practicing Clinical Counselor (LPCC).

How to apply

1. A complete application should be sent to:
Chief Executive Officer, Woodland Centers, 1125 6th Street SE, Willmar, MN, 56201
2. Incomplete applications will not be considered
3. Scholarships will not be awarded to applicants who are not qualified.
4. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2017**

Selection

1. Preference will be given to applicants who express interest in rural mental health professional practice upon completion of graduate training.
2. Good academic standing (minimum required cumulative GPA of 3.0)

How the scholarship recipient is selected

1. Applications are reviewed by the Selection Committee (Woodland Centers' CEO; one Woodland Centers Board member; two representatives of the Bonyng Family)

How the scholarship award is made

1. After the application deadline has passed, the Selection Committee will review the applications and make its selection by majority vote. In the case of a tie vote, the Bonyng Family Representatives make the selection.
2. The awardee will be contacted by mail
3. The awardee will be asked to receive the award in person and participate in a photo with the Bonyng Family
4. The award will be disbursed to the awardee immediately after fall term begins and proof of active enrollment has been provided

Application

1. Name
2. Current Address
3. Current Phone Number
4. High school from which applicant graduated
 - a. Year of graduation
5. College or University currently attending or graduated from
 - a. Year of anticipated graduation or graduated from
6. Graduate program attending or to be enrolled in
 - a. Degree to be obtained
7. Evidence of current enrollment and statement of being in good academic standing, or letter of acceptance from graduate program
8. Resume or Curriculum Vita
9. Two letters from academic references
10. 750 word (maximum) essay about why you should be awarded the scholarship, especially highlighting professional interests, especially as it pertains to rural mental health professional practice.