



Survivor Scholarship Application 2016-17 Academic Year

OUR MISSION TO CLARITY

The Quell Foundation works to educate communities about issues and concerns surrounding mental health, as well as promoting open, judgment-free dialogue.

Award

The Quell Survivor Scholarship is awarded to select undergraduate students who have experienced the devastating loss of a parent or caregiver to suicide. The award was established by The Quell Foundations Irene Pasierb Memorial Fund as a means to educate communities and individuals about the disparities in care and effective treatment protocols afforded to the vulnerable and stigmatized population with a mental health illness.

The Quell Foundation Survivor Scholarship is a one-time, merit-based award. Students interested in applying for the scholarship may obtain and submit an application through The Quell Foundation website (www.thequellfoundation.org). Awards will be made to those students who demonstrate a high level of scholarship and/or a history of employment and training that reflects a commitment to work.

This important award is accompanied with:

- A one-year distribution of a \$500 - \$5,000 scholarship
- Opportunity to participate in the #LiftTheMask Project
- An invitation to the 2016 Quell Foundation Masquerade Ball

Award Period

- Application deadline is April 1st of the award year
- The Quell Foundation Survivor Scholarship(s) will be awarded May 1st of the award year

Eligibility and Renewal Requirements

The Quell Foundation Survivor Scholarship is a one-time, merit-based award. The student may reapply for additional years with preference given to prior scholarship recipients.

The eligibility and renewal requirements are as follows:

- Applicant must have lost a parent or caregiver to suicide
- Student must be accepted into an accredited College or University.
- Student must be matriculated and maintain at least part-time enrollment in the undergraduate program.
- Students must obtain a passing grade in all classes.
- Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 each Financial Aid Year.
- All financial obligations to degree granting institution must be paid in full before the start of the next Financial Aid Year.
- Applicant will be required to participate in two (2) community awareness events during their Financial Aid Year.

Award recipients must adhere to all behavioral, professional and ethical guidelines set forth by the educational institution. Award recipients are expected to understand and demonstrate a commitment to The Quell Foundation's Mission to Clarity.

For additional information contact the Quell Foundation:

The Quell Foundation

P.O. Box 1924

North Falmouth, MA 02556

Web www.thequellfoundation.org

Email: Scholarships@thequellfoundation.org



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About The Irene Pasierb Memorial Fund

Irene Pasierb was born in Western Massachusetts in 1932. As the youngest daughter of Polish immigrants, she excelled in academia, music, and community involvement. To her friends she was 'Nina' or 'Rene'. As a high school Junior, Irene won a medal given by the Daughters of the American Revolution for writing the best essay on any patriotic subject. She graduated with high honors in 1949 and her yearbook photo was captioned 'And she had a face like a blessing.'

With a passion for learning, Irene pursued her post secondary education at the Mass. General Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1952.

Over the next decade Irene married and started her family. In the years that followed she began her fight with diminishing mental health. She battled schizophrenia and clinical depression and required hospitalization on several occasions. In 1975 at the age of 43, Irene took her life: ending her battle with the illness she tried so hard to stave off. She left four children ages 12 - 22 when she passed.

Surviving the life changing loss of their mother, and with the same passion for education, each of her children went on to earn a graduate degree in their respective field of study. The Quell Foundation Survivor Scholarship is funded, in whole, by one of Irene's daughters: A national leader in her field.



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Application instructions:

1. Please complete all sections of the application form.
2. Obtain an official high school or college transcript reflecting your highest level of education.
3. Write a personal statement describing your reasons for pursuing a degree. The essay should be approximately 500 words and should include information regarding your career goals, interests and work experiences (paid or volunteer), as well as any additional information that provides some insight about your commitment to your post secondary school education.
4. Obtain two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who are familiar with your academic and/or professional skills and experiences. Letters must be in sealed envelopes with signatures over the seal.
5. Please submit all information together and mail it to:

Submit applications electronically or postmarked by April 1, 2016 to:

www.Scholarships@thequellfoundation.org

or

The Quell Foundation Scholarships
P.O. Box 1924
North Falmouth MA 02556

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		E-mail:

Education Plans

University/College:	Degree Program:
Student Status: FT ____ PT ____	Projected Graduation (mm/yy):
Credits Earned to date:	Practicum site (if applicable):
Internship Site (if applicable):	



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Employment

Employed: Not applicable ____ FT ____ PT ____
Employer:

Application Checklist

Please be sure to include the following with your application:

- ____ Official high school or college/university transcript
- ____ Personal statement
- ____ Two sealed letters of recommendation