



# Scholarship Application

Prevent Suicide Columbia County is pleased to be offering scholarships to high school seniors who are planning on pursuing higher education in a mental health field and/or has been impacted by suicide. The mission of Prevent Suicide Columbia County is to prevent suicide through awareness, education, collaboration, and improved access to mental health care, and to support those who have lost a loved one to suicide. By providing funding for students, we can promote the next generation of mental health providers.

Applications must be received by end of day on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to receive full consideration. Scholarship recipients will be announced on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, via email. Recipients will be featured in the April Prevent Suicide Newsletter with name, high school and anticipated college, and brief career goal. Recipients will be provided a W-9 to complete before receiving funds, as required by the Columbia County Accounting Division. Checks will be made from Columbia County Health and Human Services and delivered via mail.

**Application Deadline:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Number of Scholarships awarded:** 3

**Amount per scholarship:** \$1,000

## Qualifications:

- Senior in High School
- Enrolling in career program or college/university in Fall 2025
- Planning on pursuing higher education in a mental health field and/or have been impacted by suicide
- Attending one of the following high schools: Cambria-Friesland, Columbus, Fall River, Lodi, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Randolph, Rio, Wisconsin Dells

## Application Requirements:

- Application form
- Two essays (see application form)
- Resume outlining any extra-curriculars, work experience, honors, and/or achievements.
- One Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, employer, coach, or mentor
  - Recommendations can be attached to the application
  - Emailed by the recommender to [PreventSuicideCoCo@gmail.com](mailto:PreventSuicideCoCo@gmail.com)
  - Mailed to Columbia County Health and Human Services ATTN: Prevent Suicide, PO Box 136, Portage, WI 53901

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All applications must be received by March 1<sup>st</sup> to be fully considered for the scholarship. The application is available online at <https://forms.gle/vqJzr4cqwkTmzmZ56>. For paper applications, please mail or deliver completed application, essays, one letter of recommendation, and resume to:

Columbia County Health and Human Services  
ATTN: Prevent Suicide  
PO Box 136  
Portage, WI 53901

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High school: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (4.0 Scale): \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated College/University: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major/Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state any additional information or circumstances you would like to share that are not captured in other aspects of this application. Use the space provided or a separate piece of paper (Optional):

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#### Essays

- Please tell us about your academic and career goals. (200 word minimum)
- Please share a personal experience you may have had regarding mental health or suicide in your life. Alternatively, research and share a mental health or suicide prevention topic that you are passionate about. (200 word minimum)

**If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health or suicidal ideations call or text 988, the suicide prevention lifeline, for free and confidential support. Visit [preventsuicidecolumbiacounty.org](https://preventsuicidecolumbiacounty.org) for local resources.**

**If the scholarship board feels your safety, or the safety of someone in the essay is at risk, we may contact your guidance counselor to provide support resources.**

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