

The Carol Caruso Innovation Scholarship



Carol Caruso, who served as the first Executive Director of NAMI Montgomery County PA, lived to help others. She was a champion for all of those living with mental illness, specifically, youth and young adults, recognizing the importance of early identification and intervention in treating and preventing effects of mental illness.

NAMI Montgomery County PA's Mission:

The Mission of NAMI Montgomery County PA is to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness through recovery focused support, education, and advocacy.

The Innovation Scholarship:

Each year the Carol Caruso Innovation Scholarship awards a \$1000 scholarship to a youth (teen to age 25 years old) OR entity supporting youth that embraces the NAMI principles of education, support, awareness, and advocacy. The scholarship will be awarded to the individual or entity who produces a program or project that will impact the community while supporting the Mission of NAMI Montgomery County PA. Examples of community projects/ programs being considered for the scholarship include, but are not limited to:

- an anti-stigma campaign
- celebrating mental health through the arts
- a mental health awareness program

Criteria:

- The program/ project must be aligned with the mission of NAMI Montgomery County PA.
- The program/ project must be implemented in Montgomery County.
- The program/ project should effect youth impacted by mental illness/ mental health challenges in Montgomery County
- The program/ project should have creativity, leadership, viability, and replicability
- The award recipient will comply with a standard evaluation to measure the impact of their program/ project.
- The award recipient assumes all responsibility & cost of implementation of their chosen project

Special Dates:

- Proposals due to the NAMI Montgomery County PA office by April 3, 2020.
- Award recipient chosen by April 17, 2020
- Award presented at our Annual Membership Dinner & Awards Ceremony, May 11, 2020.
- The award recipient will have from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to complete their program/project.

Questions and submissions should be directed to

Abby Grasso, Executive Director, at 215-361-7784 or agrasso@namimontocpa.org

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Scholarship Application

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School/ Agency if applicable _____

Please describe the suggested program/ project in detail. (Attach additional paper as needed)

What is needed to successfully implement the proposed plan?

How does the proposed plan impact youth in the county while embracing NAMI Montgomery County PA's Mission?

Is there an ongoing message promoting Mental Health Awareness? What is the message?

How will the proposed plan be implemented?

Please forward your submission to: agrasso@namimontcopa.org