Stephany June Bryan
Bold Spirit of Achievement Scholarship

Request for Applications

Due Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 11:59 am CT

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health is offering two $5,000 scholarships in honor of Stephany June Bryan. Stephany was a beloved Senior Program Officer and Consumer & Family Liaison at the foundation for over 12 years, until her untimely passing from COVID-19. She brought much insight, transparency, and humor to the work of the foundation and to everything she touched. Even with her many gifts and contributions, as a life-long learner, Stephany still wanted to complete her college degree.

Stephany started her formal education at Southwest Texas with a scholarship in music. When life got in the way, Stephany spent years caring for loved ones with mental health challenges while striving to achieve her own wellness and recovery. Stephany spent over 20 years fighting for equitable services, supports, and systems change for those historically denied a seat at the table. One of Stephany’s favorite educational events was the Central Texas African American Family Support Conference, where she was involved since its inception.

To honor Stephany’s passions and personal goals, these scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria and preferences:

- Lived experience with a mental health challenge and/or caring for a person with a mental health challenge.
- Financial impact of living with a mental health challenge and/or caring for a person with a mental health challenge and the need for financial support to advance education/training.
- Impact of living as a person of color.
- Preference for a person residing in central Texas.
- Verification of enrollment for education/training.

Applicants will be asked to respond to the following questions:

1. Please share your experience living with a mental health challenge and/or caring for a person with a mental health challenge. Please discuss how this
has impacted your ability to further your personal goals in education/training.

2. Has your experience of living with a mental health challenge and/or caring for a person with a mental health challenge impacted you financially? If so, how has this impacted your ability to advance your education/training goals?

3. Please share how your experience as a person of color has impacted your life, your financial situation, your mental health, and/or the mental health of a loved one.

4. What educational, trade school or training program are you enrolled in or planning to enroll in? How long will it take you to complete the program? If awarded, can you supply a verification of enrollment document from the institution/organization?

5. This scholarship is a $5,000 award. How do you intend to use the funds and over what time period?

Scholarship awardees will be expected to share a high-level summary at the end of the scholarship giving an account of their spending. For example:

- $500 Books
- $500 Living expenses (rent, electricity, etc.)
- $500 Childcare
- $500 Transportation
- $3000 Tuition

Applicants will be expected to have one reference letter submitted on their behalf directly to hogg-grants@austin.utexas.edu. Letters can be from anyone who has known the applicant for over a year and can speak to the reasons the applicant is applying (i.e., pastor of church, dean of college, peer supporter, employee supervisor, etc.) Contact information should be submitted with the referral. By applying, the applicant is granting permission for the foundation to contact their referral.

Application Process:

Step 1. Registration
The Hogg Foundation uses an online grants management system called Fluxx. Applicants must register at https://hogg.fluxx.io before the proposal due date and no later than 11:59 pm, Central Time (CT), on Monday, January 3, 2022. If you have never used Fluxx before, you will need to register at https://hogg.fluxx.io. Follow the instructions on the right-hand side of the screen, then proceed to Step 2. If you have registered in Fluxx in the past, go to https://hogg.fluxx.io and enter the username and password previously used to confirm your registration, then proceed to Step 2. If you have forgotten your
password, please go to https://hogg.fluxx.io and follow the instructions on the right-hand side of the screen, then proceed to Step 2. If you experience technical issues with registering in Fluxx please email grants management staff at hogg-grants@austin.utexas.edu.

**Step 2. Enter Application Information**
The next step is to enter application information online into Fluxx https://hogg.fluxx.io. Answers must be provided for all questions in order to be considered for funding. Applicant will be prompted to answer questions in Fluxx and the information provided will create your online proposal. All narrative responses must be answered in the open fields in Fluxx in the Grant Proposal Details section.

**Have Questions?**
The foundation will not accept phone calls regarding the request for proposals except for questions related to technical issues. Questions about the application process may be emailed to hogg-grants@austin.utexas.edu. Answers to questions that may have information that might be helpful and relevant to other potential applicants will be posted here. Check this page often for updated questions and answers as well as any additional information about this request for applications.