



Background:

Kelly Mann was a young mother of 3 children in the New Hampshire community. She was unfortunately taken from our community by the hands of her husband. Kelly's daughters and friends formed a relationship with Bridges, a non-profit organization that supports survivors, and have been able to raise awareness and funds to help others who have experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking. Kelly loved bettering herself through educational opportunities. Through this scholarship, her memory will live on and others who have been affected by domestic and sexual violence will be supported as they rebuild their lives.

Purpose:

The Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship Fund benefits individuals and/or their children who have experienced or been impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking in furthering their education and building self-sufficiency. Educational opportunities supported through scholarship include but are not limited to post-secondary education, trades, and licensing/certifications or assistance reducing indirect financial barriers to education (i.e. childcare, transportation, supplies.)

Eligibility:

- Applicant must identify in one or more of the following ways:
 - Is a victim/survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
 - Has been affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (i.e. child who has witnessed domestic violence; nonviolent caregiver, etc.);
 - Has a demonstrated desire to work in the domestic/sexual violence field and plans to utilize scholarship funds to further progress toward goal.
- Applicants must be a resident of the state of New Hampshire or someone who utilizes Bridges services (either currently or in the past.) A preference will be given to applicants residing in Southern Hillsborough County.
- Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance. (*Please visit the Frequently Asked Questions section of this document for further details.*)
- Applicants exhibit a strong desire, ability, and determination to complete the training, certification, or academic program associated with their application.
- Applicants have a plan to use the desired training to upgrade skills for career advancement, to train for a new career field, or to enter/reenter the job market.

Notice of Nondiscrimination:

The Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship does not discriminate in the selection process, program, or activities on the basis on race, gender, gender identity/expression, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, medical condition. HIV status, marital status, age, national origin, immigration status, religion, physical, mental or emotional ability, political affiliation, or language.

Awards:

The Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship Fund will grant one award per year in an amount up to \$2,500. Scholarship funds can be utilized in one of the following ways:

Scholarship Awards: Awards for direct educational expenses including tuition, books, fees, etc., paid directly to the institution.

Adjunct Assistance Awards: Awards that assist in reducing indirect financial barriers to education including (but not limited to) childcare, transportation, or supplies needed.

Application Deadline:

Candidates must submit their completed application packet to the Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship Fund by **May 15th at 5PM** to be considered.

Please Submit Completed Application to:

The Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship Fund
PO Box 217
Nashua, NH 03061-0217

Questions about submitting your application? Please contact Tara Levine, Director of Development, Events and Marketing at dirdevelopment@bridgesnh.org or (603)889-0858.

Review Process:

The Kelly Mann Scholarship Selection Committee is comprised of Bridges staff, board of directors, volunteers, and friends/family of Kelly Mann. The committee shall make the selection of each scholarship recipient and forward notice to Bridges: Domestic & Sexual Violence Support Services Inc. for fund disbursement. The scholarship disbursement shall be made directly to the educational institution for the benefit of the scholarship recipient. For adjunct assistance awards, a receipt or proof of payment is required. The recipient will be notified of award status no later than **June 15th**.

Application Form



Please submit your completed application packet to the **Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship Fund** (PO Box 217 Nashua, NH 03061) no later than 5:00PM EST on May 15th.

Personal Information:

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First Name

Last Name

Middle Initial

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Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

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Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Phone Number

Email Address

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridges Advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> NH Crisis Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Nonprofit/Community Org. | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media Post | <input type="checkbox"/> Email/E-blast | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

How did you hear about the Scholarship Fund?

Educational Information:

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School/Program for Which Aid is Requested

Program Location (State "Online" if remote program)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Masters/Doctorate | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Year College | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Year College | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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Type of Program (Check the option above that most closely matches)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time | <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time | |
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Enrollment Type

Anticipated Field of Study

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Total Excepted Cost of Tuition/Program

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Total Anticipated Expenses (I.e. Books, transportation, etc.)

Personal Narrative:

Please use the space below to tell us a bit about yourself. Ensure that you are referencing the eligibility requirements listed in the introductory section of this document. Please write your narrative in essay form rather than bullets and attach an additional sheet if necessary. Here are a few prompts that may be helpful when writing your narrative:

- (1) Tell us a bit about why you are applying for this scholarship and why you chose your anticipated field of study.
- (2) Tell us about you! Do you have any experiences that would be helpful for us to know about? (I.e. volunteer opportunities, previous employment, hobbies, how you spend your time with your children, etc.)
- (3) Do you have any personal, financial, or family circumstances which you would like the Scholarship Committee to take into consideration?

Optional: Is there anything else you wish to add? If so, please tell us about it below.

Financial Information:

Section 1: Household Income

Please list below each person, including children, who currently live with you. If you currently have zero income, please explain how you are paying for shelter/food. Attach an additional sheet as needed.

| Name | DOB | Relationship to Applicant | Wage x Hours | Gross Annual Income |
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Section 2: Other Income

Please list any additional income sources you may have. Examples include (but are not limited to) TANF, Child Support, Retirement, SSI, etc.

TOTAL GROSS ANNUAL INCOME:

\$

Section 3: Acknowledgement

Please note that should you receive scholarship funding through the Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship fund you may be required to provide proof of how the funds will be utilized. Requested items may include a copy of program or college enrollment, receipts for books or other supplies purchased/to be purchased, etc.

By initialing here you are acknowledging that you have read the financial requirements and expectations should you receive an award through the Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship fund.

Award Announcement:

Bridges would like to publicly announce the winner of this scholarship with a social media post, including a picture. However, we understand that this might not be something the scholarship recipient is comfortable with. Please note that, should you choose to remain anonymous, it will in no way factor into determining your eligibility.

By initialing here you acknowledge that you are giving Bridges permission to publicly announce that you have been selected as the the recipient of the Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship.

(Please leave blank if you wish to remain anonymous.)

Certification:

By signing below, you certify that the information in this form is true and complete to the best of your knowledge. If asked by any authorized official, you agree to give documentation for information given on this form. Further, you understand that all financial information provided will be considered confidential.

First & Last Name Printed

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Signature

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question:

Who is eligible to apply for the Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship?

Answer:

Applicants must be a resident of the state of New Hampshire, someone who previously utilized Bridges services, or is a current Bridges client. A preference will be given to applicants residing in Southern Hillsborough County.

Question:

I am not a victim/survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Am I still eligible to apply?

Answer:

In order to be considered for the Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship, candidates must identify in one or more of the following ways:

- (1) Is a victim/survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- (2) Has been affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (i.e. child who has witnessed domestic violence; nonviolent caregiver, etc.);
- (3) Has a demonstrated desire to work in the domestic/sexual violence field and plans to utilize scholarship funds to further progress toward goal.

If you are unsure of your eligibility status, please contact Tara Levine, Director of Development, Events and Marketing at dirdevelopment@bridgesnh.org or (603) 889-0858 and she will be happy to assist you.

Question:

When is my application due and how do I submit it?

Answer:

The application deadline to be considered the Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship is **May 15th at 5PM**. A completed application packet should be mailed to the following address:

The Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship Fund

PO Box 217

Nashua, NH 03061-0217

Please note that applications received after May 15th will be considered in the selection process for the following year's award.

Question:

What qualifications are we looking for when we say that applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance?

Answer:

While applicants that are under 188% of the poverty threshold will be prioritized, applicants that are over this threshold are also eligible to apply if they demonstrate a financial need for the Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship. Financial information listed in the application as well as information provided in the personal narrative will be considered when selecting the scholarship recipient(s).

Question:

When will I be notified if I have been awarded the Kelly Mann Memorial Scholarship?

Answer:

The Selection Committee will begin reviewing applications after the submission deadline, and notify the recipient of award status no later than **June 15th**.