

## **APPLICATION FOR TRISTAN BILLMAYER MEMORIAL MENTAL HEALTH FIELD SCHOLARSHIP**

The family of Tristan Billmayer established the Tristan Billmayer Mental Health Field Scholarship. Tristan took his own life on May 2, 2015, two weeks before his graduation from Turner High School. Tristan was the 18-year-old son of Adam and Shawna Billmayer and older brother to Ella, Sarah, and Trent Billmayer. Tristan was an active member of the Big Flat community. He was involved in basketball, track, and also played football his senior year of high school. His future endeavors included attending college at MSU-Northern to pursue a degree in Diesel Technology and eventually come back to the Billmayer family farm. He always approached others with a smiling face and was willing to lend a helping hand.

After Tristan's passing, the Billmayer family made it a goal to advocate for mental health among Blaine County, and eventually across the state of Montana. This scholarship is a part of our continuous efforts to encourage others to help those who battle mental illness. Mental health is something that needs to be talked about more often, and we appreciate those who are willing to do so. With Montana being one of the leading states in suicide rates, it is obvious there is a need for education. By providing this scholarship, we hope to help supply the resources needed to those who struggle daily.

### **CRITERIA**

1. Application for scholarship shall be submitted before July 1, 2025.
2. Any Montana graduating Senior or Montana resident college student may apply.
3. Must be pursuing a degree in the Mental Health field.
4. Relatives to family shall have equal application status.
5. Applicant may attend any college, Vo-tech, or accredited college of choice in the USA.
6. Applicant must have a 3.0 or higher GPA at time of application.
7. Applicant must submit one letter of character reference from a non-family member.
8. Applicant must submit a short essay of at least 150 words why you are pursuing a degree in the Mental Health field.

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

1. The Billmayer family shall select the recipient and one alternate each year.
2. Selection shall be based on application, essay completion, and content, transcript, and one letter of character reference.
3. Payment of the scholarship (\$500.00) shall be made to the candidate, upon proof of enrollment.

### **SPECIAL STIPULATIONS**

1. If a recipient defaults on enrollment, becomes deceased, or declines after selection then the scholarship shall be given to the next recipient.
2. If no applicant is selected, then the funds will remain in the memorial fund for the next year's selection.
3. The Billmayer family has a right to alter or vary the Scholarship amount or number of scholarships given as deemed necessary.

### **Send completed applications with all required information to:**

Shawna Billmayer  
PO Box 104  
Hogeland, MT 59529

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NAME OF  
APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**All scholarship Applications must provide the information outlined in the first two pages of this application.**

**Applications are to be post-marked on or before July 1, 2025.**