

## **CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

### **The 2020 Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship**

The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund was created to provide financial assistance **to support graduate student research projects** in honor of Dr. Sullivan's work with **American Psychological Association**, State, Provincial, and Territorial Psychological Associations and his commitment to diversity and inclusion.

**Dr. Michael Sullivan** served as the Assistant Executive Director for State Advocacy in the American Psychological Association. In this position he managed the Practice Directorate's program of making resources available to 60 affiliated psychological associations in every state and several Canadian provinces and US territories. A fellow of APA, Dr. Sullivan has been a strong supporter of state psychological association involvement as a means of promoting diverse and multicultural leadership in psychology and positively impacting communities.

**Submission Deadlines:** The deadline for the 2019 award is **January 7, 2020**. Proposals must be submitted electronically by 4:30pm (eastern) on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Proposals must be in Microsoft word or pdf format and follow the template included below. Subject line should include "Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Proposal- YOUR NAME". Send proposals to [mranney@ohpsych.org](mailto:mranney@ohpsych.org).

**Research Scope:** The focus of the scholarship is to support graduate level research and training related to diversity and inclusion. Listed below are examples of possible projects in the area of diversity that might be supported by the Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship. The list is not all inclusive, but is provided to offer suggestions.

- Validate emerging methods of assessment, diagnosis, and screening of mental health concerns affecting racially/ethnically diverse individuals.
- Examine and evaluate behavior, lifestyles, health needs, and health disparities of racially/ethnically diverse individuals.
- A study of aging issues in adults who are racially/ethnically diverse.
- Explore issues in multicultural counseling.
- Develop a cultural framework for counseling specific populations, i.e., persons with disabilities, LBGT, multiracial individuals, and so on.
- Design a community project which decreases prejudice within a targeted population.
- Implement a culturally sensitive psychological service intervention within an existing group or agency.

**Award:** Awards of up to \$500 per recipient will be granted once a year. **Awards will be announced in March each year.** Awards are intended to be used to support or assist applicants in covering expenses related to their projects or research.

**Winners will be required to provide quarterly updates on the project and write an article about the outcomes. The article may be included in a publication of the Ohio Psychological Association. An evaluation of the project must be submitted to the Chair of the Review Committee following the completion of the project.**

**Qualifications:** Graduate students enrolled full time at a university or college may apply for the scholarship. The student must be in good academic standing and must be making good progress in his/her program. Any graduate student may apply as long as the funds requested go toward the enhancement of issues of diversity and inclusion.

**Submission Criteria:** Submissions for scholarships from The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund **must** include the following:

- Cover letter addressed to Dr. Maria Espinola, Chair of the Review Committee.
- Cover sheet provided below and narrative that addresses the (1) rationale for the study; (2) basic question(s) to be addressed by the study; (3) general methodology; and (4) proposed statistical analyses (if applicable).
- Budgets should be provided that detail projected income and expenses, showing specifically how the scholarship funds will be used
- A list citing references you are using in your research
- A brief letter of support from a faculty member to Dr. Maria Espinola, Chair of the Review Committee, should be submitted with the proposal. This letter should address the student's ability to carry out the project in a timely manner and the feasibility of the project. The letter should not be a testimonial about the student's knowledge, skills and personal qualities.

**Submit Proposals To:** [mranney@ohpsych.org](mailto:mranney@ohpsych.org)

For additional information contact:

The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund Review Committee c/o Michael Ranney, PSYOHIO, 395 East Broad Street, Suite 310. Columbus OH 43215; 800-783-1983; [mranney@ohpsych.org](mailto:mranney@ohpsych.org)

**COVER SHEET FOR SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2020**

Date:

Name:

College/University:

Address:

Phone Number/Cell phone:

Email Address:

What year are you in your graduate program?

Briefly describe your project (2-3 sentences):

How does this project relate to the spirit of the Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship?

What will be the societal benefits that result from this project? How will it improve individual lives or address community problems?

What is the budget for this project and how specifically will the \$500 grant be used if you are selected?

What is the time frame for your project? What will be completed in the next 12 months?

List any other individuals who are/will be involved in this project.

If you are selected as the winner, will you provide quarterly updates on the project and write an article about the outcomes of the study (to be published in an OPA publication)?

If you are selected as the 2019 scholarship recipient, will you submit a project evaluation to the Chair of the Review Committee following completion of the project?

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL NEED TO ATTACH A LETTER FROM A FACULTY MEMBER THAT ADDRESSES YOUR ABILITY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT IN A TIMELY MANNER.**

**ATTACH A NARRATIVE, BUDGET and a LIST OF REFERENCES:** Please complete a narrative of up to 2 pages single spaced. The Narrative should include (1) the rationale for this study or project (need, relevance, and anticipated community impact are key factors in evaluating projects); (2) basic questions or issues to addressed; (3) general methodology; (4) proposed statistical analyses (if applicable); attach a list of references.