

NAMI Coastal Virginia Special Agent Stephen Palmer Shaw Scholarship

Who was Stephen Palmer Shaw?

This scholarship honors Stephen Shaw who lived with passion, a positive sense of urgency and an unwavering commitment to helping others.

Stephen always wanted to be a part of a team that fought the bad guys. As a child he warded off invisible evil in his Spider Man t-shirt and dreamed of a career with the FBI. After becoming a Special Agent, Stephen applied for and became a member of the FBI's elite Hostage Rescue Team (HRT). Stephen was killed while with his team on a tactical training assignment off the coast of Virginia Beach, VA on May 17, 2013.

What is NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)?

Nearly 60 million Americans experience a mental health condition every year. Regardless of race, age, religion or economic status, mental illness impacts the lives of at least one in four adults and one in ten children across the United States.

NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raise awareness and build a community for hope for all of those in need (from the NAMI.org web site).

Who is eligible for this scholarship?

In awarding this \$2000.00 scholarship, we are looking for a graduating senior who has a similar passion to help others as demonstrated by their involvement in an issue related to mental health and mental wellness.

Deadline and Submission Instructions:

The deadline for this scholarship is **May 1, 2020 at 11:59 PM.**

Please submit applications electronically to contact@namicoastalvirginia.org

Scholarship Application Guidelines:

1. In an essay of 500 words or fewer, please address the following two questions:
 - How have you served as a change agent in your school or community to educate people about mental illness or erase the stigma associated with mental illness? Please include evidence of your involvement in these activities (signature of an adult, etc).
 - How do your career plans align with the goals of NAMI?
2. Answer the following questions:
 - A. What high school do you attend? _____
 - B. What is your cumulative GPA (through the end of the 1st semester) _____
 - C. Which of the following classes have you completed (Include classes in which you are currently enrolled)?

_____ Psychology I/II
_____ Sociology I/II
_____ AP Psychology

_____ Child Development
_____ VTfT (Virginia Teachers
for Tomorrow)

3. Please scan a copy of your transcript and submit it with your application.