



*PILLARS is a grant program created by Linda Petrosino, Dean Emeritus of the College of Health and Human Services, designed to provide financial support to College of Health and Human Services students. The grants are funded by annual financial contributions from alumni and friends of the College of Health and Human Services. The fund was renamed the Linda Petrosino Pillars Fund in 2012 upon her retirement.*

## GUIDELINES

- PILLARS grant awards may be used to fund:
  - Travel expenses to present research at professional conferences or other educational opportunities such as workshops, lectures, symposia, etc.
  - Extraordinary expenses or fees related to research opportunities, clinical placements, field experiences and internships
  - Extraordinary expenses associated with master's thesis and dissertation research or other research projects
  - Extraordinary and/or emergency funding to help students meet their educational expenses
- The grant amounts may be limited by the Pillars/Scholarship Committee and amounts are based on annual funding levels
- **Grant recipients must be fully admitted to their degree program (“pre” major status students are not eligible)**
- Award criteria includes:
  - Overall GPA
  - Demonstration of financial need
  - Evidence that the Pillars grant will enhance or support the student's educational program
  - Overall quality of the application materials
- Academic Criteria:  
Priority will be given to students who:
  - Are presenting at a professional conference
  - Received an award or recognition for their research
  - Are first time awardees
  - Applied for other grants or funding sources
  - Collaborated with other students on their project
- **Events that take place after a student has graduated will not be funded**
- Not all grant applications will be funded
- The Pillars/Scholarship committee will review applications
- Group applications will not be accepted. A separate application must be made to the Pillars/Scholarship Committee by each student, who is requesting fund, in the group for his/her own expenses incurred.
- Multiple applications from the same individual will not be accepted in the same academic year.
- When driving to a conference/event, mileage can only be calculated from BGSU to conference location and back to BGSU (cannot include mileage from residence to BGSU and vice versa). This is an institutional guideline.
- Funds will not be disbursed to the student until the project has been completed and a required project summary report, including ORIGINAL receipts, is submitted to the Pillars/Scholarship Committee within 30 days following the funded event.
- Application packets available on the College Web site: <https://www.bgsu.edu/content/dam/BGSU/health-and-human-services/document/Scholarships/PILLARS-application-2016-1.pdf>