



ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

## Award

Ryan Colburn Scholarship Award

## Description

In 2011, AMCHP established the Ryan Colburn Scholarship Award. Ryan Colburn was an amazing young man with varied interests ranging from singing in a choir to sports (he was an avid Auburn and Atlanta Braves fan and played the outfield in Miracle League Baseball). He touched the hearts and lives of all he came in contact with his contagious personality and unforgettable smile. Ryan also carried a strong message to the disability community imploring others with disabilities to live life to the fullest. In honor of his life and his affirming message to the disability community, family leader, advocate and AMCHP member Susan Colburn, the Ryan Colburn Scholarship Award continues to keep alive the work that Ryan had started in the recent years before his passing, speaking at local and national conferences about growing up with a disability and the spreading the message of the importance of living life to the fullest. The Scholarship provides support for a youth-with-disabilities leader to attend the AMCHP Annual Conference, connect with family leaders, and continue to spread Ryan's message of hope.

## Criteria

Nominees for the Ryan Colburn Scholarship Award must meet the following criteria:

- Candidate is a youth or young adult with SHCN, who has had some connection to their state Title V program, (as a recipient of services, serving in some sort of advisory capacity or both) and can build off of this experience by going back and continuing to be involved in their state.
- Candidate is 18-25 years of age, with special health care need(s).
- Candidate has shown consistent, active participation in public and/or community service activities.
- Candidate must demonstrate knowledge of the system of care that serves Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs through direct involvement in a voluntary, advisory or paid capacity or as a recipient of services from the state's Title V program (MCH OR CYSHCN).
- Preferences may be given to individuals that have demonstrated active participation as a youth leader in the disability community or with public health/maternal and child health.
- Candidate must be a first time attendee at the AMCHP Annual Conference (if you have previously attended the AMCHP Annual Conference you are not eligible to apply).

## Selection Process

One award will be made annually from a pool of nominations solicited nationwide. AMCHP will issue a call for award nominations via AMCHP Pulse, Member Briefs, the AMCHP website and blast email to all AMCHP contacts approximately six months prior to the Annual Conference. Nominations will close and all materials must be submitted approximately five months prior to the Annual Conference. The Family & Youth Leadership Committee will conduct the initial vetting of all nominations and submit a single recommended candidate to the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee reviews and approves the final recommendation for consideration by the Board of Directors. Nominees are notified of the final status of their submission approximately three months prior to the Annual Conference. The Ryan Colburn Scholarship Award is awarded during the AMCHP Annual Conference. This award may not be awarded annually.

## Special Travel Funding

A reimbursement of up to \$1,800 will be provided to the awardee for airfare, meals, and personal attendant costs to attend the AMCHP Annual Conference to accept the award in person. In addition, AMCHP will provide a paid registration to the conference and up to two nights of lodging.



The following expectations apply to awardees selected for this scholarship award:

- Attend the entire AMCHP annual conference
- Visit your US House of Representatives and Senates to educate about Title V during the 2019 Annual Conference
- Develop a plan on how you will share the information and resources with other youth
- Engage with a mentor identified by AMCHP before, during, and after the annual conference on a monthly basis
- Submit a picture for inclusion in AMCHP publications
- Share with AMCHP and their mentor the impact and outcomes of their activities
- The Youth Scholar will have the opportunity to access the leadership development activities currently available through AMCHP's Leadership Institute and/or other opportunities

### **Prior Awardees**

2018 Hope Hoffman  
2017 Edward Esbeck  
2015 Asha Purohit  
2014 Teresa Nguyen  
2013 Steven Nguyen  
2012 Josiah Barber

