

Jeffrey Rosacker Endowed Fund

Guideline

Background:

Depression is a significant barrier to the educational success of the student who experiences it. Studies indicate that 5-10% of adolescent youth suffer from a major form of mental health disorder. The Saint Francis Medical Center Student Wellness Center at Grand Island Senior High can validate the above statistic with its own statistics kept since the 2004 - 2005 school year.

Eligibility and Purpose:

The purpose of this fund is to help individual students attending Grand Island Senior High access and acquire mental health services through the Student Wellness Center. The Jeffrey Rosacker Endowed Fund of the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation will provide an annual grant to support the mental health treatment of Grand Island Senior High students who are not in a position to self-pay for services. Additionally, the Saint Francis Medical Center Foundation has graciously agreed to match the annual grant made by the Jeffrey Rosacker Endowed Fund to afford students additional treatment sessions.

Eligibility:

1. Student must be attending Grand Island Senior High and or a Grand Island Public Schools Middle School
2. Student must not be eligible for Medicaid
3. Student must demonstrate inability to pay for mental health services through one of the following criteria:
 - a. Qualifies for, or has a family member (same household) that qualifies for Federal Free or Reduced Lunch and has completed the Grand Island Public Schools "share" form
 - b. Qualifies for Saint Francis Medical Center Community Assistance Program at 50%
 - c. Student's family has little or no insurance
 - d. Student's family has current circumstance that limits ability to pay
4. Student's diagnosis includes one of:
 - a. Major Depressive Disorder, moderate or severe
 - b. Bipolar Disorder with suicide ideation

Grant Awards:

1. The Mental Health Counselor/s employed by the Saint Francis Medical Center Student Wellness Center will determine eligibility.
2. The Grand Island Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors will invest and administer the fund as per foundation guidelines. Annual grants will be made.
3. Grants will be made payable to the Saint Francis Medical Center Foundation on behalf of qualifying students receiving services.
4. Saint Francis Medical Center Foundation will partner with the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation by matching the total annual grant from the Jeffrey Rosacker Endowed Fund for mental health services. The St. Francis Medical Center Foundation will transfer the total funds to the Student Wellness Center.