About Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute

Part of Allina Health, Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute was created in 2013 by the merger of Courage Center and Sister Kenny Rehabilitation Institute.

The Institute provides a continuum of rehabilitation services for people with short- and long-term conditions, injuries and disabilities in communities throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Its goal is to improve health outcomes, make it easier for clients and families to get the right services for their needs, and reduce costs by preventing complications.

Courage Center, started in 1928, and Sister Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, opened in 1942, were both founded to bridge a gap in services for people with disabilities. Today, the combined organization serves clients of all ages who have a wide range of diagnoses.

Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute has multiple locations, and numerous programs and services.
**EMPOWER Scholarship**

**Encourage Minority Participation in Occupations with Emphasis in Rehabilitation**

The EMPOWER Scholarship, administered by Courage Kenny Foundation, encourages and supports ethnically diverse students who are pursuing a career in a medical or rehabilitation field. The scholarship is made possible by a generous gift from the David M. Hersey Endowment Fund of the Courage Kenny Foundation.

Applicants must identify how they will use their education and training and demonstrate their interest in rehabilitation. Selection is based on the applicant’s stated intentions, past achievements, need, and graduation ranking.

To be eligible for a scholarship, please read the requirements to ensure you submit a complete application package. Deadline is May 15 of every year. Scholarships are awarded in June with checks made out to the educational institution you plan to attend.

**Eligibility and Scholarship Requirements**

- EMPOWER scholarships are open to ethnically diverse students who have been accepted to or enrolled in a post-high school program

- Applicants must be a resident of Minnesota or western Wisconsin (i.e., St. Croix, Pierce, Polk, Burnett counties) resident

- Experience in a community based medical or rehabilitation volunteer position

- Minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale

- Demonstrate financial need

- Deadline: May 15 of every year.

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**What you’ll need for a successful application**

- A completely filled out application form. Forms are available for download at [couragecenter.org/empower](http://couragecenter.org/empower)

- Two letters of recommendation. One must come from a volunteer coordinator and should include the number of volunteer hours completed

- Your most recent school transcript, grade or progress report

- Copy of letter of acceptance into post-high school program.

**Send the completed application to:**
Courage Kenny Foundation – Volunteer Services
EMPOWER Scholarship Committee
3915 Golden Valley Road
Minneapolis, MN  55422

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