

2023 New Horizons Shelter & Outreach Centers

DENIM DAY

SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 2 scholarships of \$500 each

Eligibility: High School Seniors in La Crosse and Trempealeau County Schools

Length Requirement: 500-750 words or 3 to 4 minute video

Deadline: May 1, 2023

Requirements

Scholarship will be awarded to student contingent upon enrollment verification at a higher education institution. Check will be paid directly to that institution. The winning essays or videos may be published in New Horizons' Summer Newsletter.

Prompt

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. As we work to end violence through awareness and education, please explain how victim-blaming, in the context of sexual assault, affects your community, and what can be done to address victim-blaming and change the way sexual assault is perceived in your community. When writing your essay or creating your video, be mindful of all forms of sexual abuse and violence present in our communities and whom it impacts.

Submission

Essay is due **Monday, May 1 at 11:59 PM**. Essays can be written/recorded and submitted in English, Hmong or Spanish. Please submit via email to youth@nhagainstabuse.org. To make other submission arrangements, please call our Youth and Family Advocate at 608-386-6041.



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We ask community members, elected officials, businesses and students to make a social statement with their fashion by **WEARING JEANS ON THIS DAY** as a visible way to support survivors and oppose the misconceptions that surround sexual assault and victim blaming.

Why denim?

Denim Day started due to a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying consent.

Want to do more?

- **Participate by hosting a Denim Day fundraiser.**
Every year, many area businesses participate in Denim Day by allowing their employees to wear denim when they donate \$1 to our Denim Day Scholarship fund. Scholarship recipients have participated in preventative education.
- **Attend Sexual Assault Awareness Month events.**
Visit New Horizons website for a full list of upcoming events.
- **Encourage the high school students in your life to apply for the Denim Day scholarship. See application at <http://www.nhagainstabuse.org/news/denim-day-scholarship-2/>.**

For more information, contact our Youth and Family Advocate, Jen, at:

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