



## MINNESOTA MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### Emily Osiecki, LMFT Memorial Scholarship

This annual scholarship is annually awarded to a Marriage and Family Therapy grad student whose professional goals and focus include suicide prevention.

It is given in memory of Emily Osiecki, LMFT, a dedicated professional whose passion was to serve and attend to people in pain and in need of mental health services and supports. She earned her MFT degree through St Mary's University and was proud to be someone others could turn to for help and healing. Emily was a dedicated member of the FastTrackerMN.org team and contributed greatly to its success during her time as the FastTrackerMN.org Mental Health Support Specialist in 2019 and 2020. Most importantly, she was a mom, a wife, a daughter, a sister, and a friend. Sadly, no one is immune to mental illness, and we lost Emily to suicide in 2020.



Her story is, however, one of healing – and hope. As a trained mental health professional, Emily was a shining example of someone who used their personal experience and insights to help others recover, and she truly understood the weight and impact of her clients' mental illness on daily life.

With incredible internal fortitude and the support of her family, Emily acquired her LMFT degree while working and raising her young son. This scholarship was put in place to remember her light and encourage others to pursue their MFT degree and carry forward that passion for helping individuals and families improve their mental health.

***Scholarship applications are due annually on July 31<sup>st</sup>, and recipients are notified by August 15<sup>th</sup>.***

#### **Applicants are asked to:**

- be a current student in a Minnesota MFT Degree Training Program.
- describe the applicant's current need or interest to be supported with the scholarship.
- describe how the applicant will utilize this scholarship and how they will apply their learning.
- attach their CV with their application.

**Questions? Please call Linda Vukelich at 651-278-4241.**