**Application: Bev’s Gift Memorial Scholarship**

# Summary

In an effort to further the education and professional development of the membership of Pennsylvania Association of Genetic Counselors (PAGC), the Beverly Tenenholz Memorial Scholarship, “Bev’s Gift”, will provide scholarships (up to $1000) for genetic counselors who are PAGC members, genetic counseling students at a PA accredited program, and/or a genetic counseling assistant or other person actively applying to genetic counseling graduate programs in PA. Eligible participants are encouraged to attend the annual PAGC Meeting. The PAGC Annual Conference draws genetic counselors across the state. The goal is to educate genetic counselors on the latest research and developments in genetic counseling, genetics and genomics. Additionally, there is opportunity to connect with your professional community to share insights and advance the future of genetic counseling, all while earning CEUs.

# About Beverly Tenenholz

Beverly Tenenholz was a scientist her entire life.  From examining beautiful flowers, plants and vegetables that grow and multiply in the ground she made her way to the field of genetics.  She was passionate about people and the driving forces of their unique being and wellness.  She graduated from University of Pittsburgh in 1982 with a Masters in Human Reproduction and Genetics and navigated her career from reproductive genetics to cancer genetics.  She was a counselor, an educator and a true friend to every client and their family.  She was passionate about access to care and worked tirelessly to promote the genetics profession both in the organizations she served and the broader community.

# Eligibility

*Scholarships are intended for individuals who require financial assistance with costs related to professional development activities. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, conference or CEU registration fees, conference-related travel fees, examination or certification fees, textbooks, equipment, or other student or professional development expenses.*

Applicants must be either:

* + A genetic counselor that is an active member of PAGC.
	+ A student currently enrolled and in good standing at an accredited genetic counseling training program in Pennsylvania.
	+ A genetic counseling assistant or other person actively applying to genetic counseling graduate programs in PA.

# Application

As part of the online application, you are asked to submit responses to two prompts regarding what lead you to the genetic counseling profession and how you intend to make the field more accessible. You are also asked for a statement on intended use of scholarship funds.

Applications are due Monday, December 5, 2022. Applications submitted after this date will *not* accepted.

After verifying enrollment, the applicants will be notified of decision on Monday January 30, 2023. Official presentation of the awards will be made at the PAGC Annual Conference.

**SUBMITTING INSTRUCTIONS**

* Completed applications can be submitted directly to the PAGC by email: PennsylvaniaGC@gmail.com with the subject line “Bev’s Gift Application”.
* Applications must be submitted by: (Monday, December 5, 2022)
* Incomplete applications will not be considered.

First name: Click here to enter text. Last name: Click here to enter text.

Current mailing address: Click here to enter text.

Email:Click here to enter text.

Telephone: Click here to enter text. Telephone (alternative): Click here to enter text.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (select one):**

[ ]  A genetic counselor that is an active member of PAGC.

Graduate Program Attended: Click here to enter text.

Year of Graduation: Click here to enter text.

[ ]  A student currently enrolled and in good standing at an accredited genetic counseling training program in Pennsylvania.

Graduate Program: Click here to enter text.

Year of Graduation: Click here to enter text.

[ ]  A genetic counseling assistant or other person actively applying to genetic counseling graduate programs in Pennsylvania.

Graduate Program(s) of Interest: Click here to enter text.

Anticipated Year of Graduation: Click here to enter text.

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

(List current or most recent first, if student has accepted an offer, list anticipated start date)

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| Name of employer | Job Title | Dates of employment (month and year) |
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**Personal Statements**

1. A brief essay, no more than 500 words, describing:
	1. What aspect of genetic counseling lead you to the profession?
	2. Through your actions, how do you plan to increase awareness and access to genetic counseling?
2. Statement of intent, no longer than 500 words, detailing:
	1. Your reasons for applying for the scholarship.
	2. How much you are requesting and how you plan to apply the scholarship money (Individuals may request up to $1000 but are not required to request the full amount).
	3. How the proposed use of this money will aid in your professional development.