Awards

Do you know someone who is working hard to improve the health and well-being of our community?

Each year, the Central Texas African American Family Support Conference (CTAAFSC) presents several awards. The awards honor

* A person with lived experience of mental health issues, substance use challenges, and intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community
* Family members, professionals, and community leaders who are making a difference for people living with mental health issues, substance use challenges, and intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community.

### **Garnet F. Coleman ‘Eternal Flame’ Award**

This award was created to honor Texas State Representative Garnet F. Coleman. The award acknowledges his lifelong local and national work as well as achievements in health and human services.

Nominees will be judged on the following three criteria:

**Involvement in state, local government and community**

* May be employed by any governmental entity
* May be active in local community affairs in the Central Texas area
* Is a highly respected person in the community
* Volunteers or has volunteered on a board or in the community
* Demonstrates commitment and dedication to the African American community

**Committed to expanding health care access to all**

* Has changed attitudes about the value of contributions made by people with disabilities
* Develops new and exciting activities that draw community interest and participation
* Acts as a team player and encourages teamwork in others

**Works to reduce health disparities in mental health**

* Advocates for mental health and wellness in the Central Texas area
* Shares their knowledge and skills to promote the positive welfare of others with mental health issues.
* Serves on committees that promote mental wellness in our community.
* Has created an original idea or adapted an existing program, which resulted in a long-term benefit to African Americans.

### **2020 Garnet F. Coleman "Eternal Flame" Award (this is the application page)**

### This award was created to honor Texas State Representative Garnet F. Coleman and acknowledges his life-long local and national work and achievements in health and human services.

### This award will be given based upon the extent to which the nominee meets the following criteria.

### **Richard E. Hopkins ‘Torch’ Awards**

The “Torch Award” acknowledges an individual who works to improve the lives of people living with mental health or other health-related issues. The individual must work within the Central Texas community. This award honors the work and advocacy of Richard E. Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins is a longtime conference supporter and past vice-chair of the Integral Care Board of Trustees.

Nominees will be judged on the following three criteria:

**Advocate**

* Fosters the mission of people with lived experiences of mental health issues
* Fights for the rights of people living with mental health issues through planning, participating or presenting in health-related areas in the Austin community.
* A known supporter of the Central Texas African American Family Support Conference.
* Demonstrates wisdom, courage and compassion.

**Determined**

* A courageous leader who is an ambassador for mental health
* Willing to make decisions based on community values
* Skills that may affect individuals living with mental health issues and their families
* Works well with individuals with mental health issues.
* Identifies and develops ways to yield positive results for this conference

**Role Model**

* Serves as a positive source of inspiration for the African American community
* Demonstrates a high commitment to ethics
* A trustworthy person in the community
* Knowledgeable about the needs of individuals living with mental health issues.

Individuals can be nominated in the following categories:

* **Person with Lived Experience**: An individual living with a mental health issue, substance use challenges or intellectual and/or developmental disability. They work to help others affected by similar issues.
* **Family Member**: An individual with a family member or friend living with a mental health issue, substance use challenges or intellectual and/or developmental disability. They advocate or work to help everyone living with these issues, other health challenges or disparities.
* **Professional**: A clinician, social worker or other individual. They work in a professional capacity to raise awareness and help everyone living with these issues, other health challenges or disparities.
* **Community Leader**: An elected official, faith leader or other community leader. They use their position to help everyone living with these issues, other health challenges or disparities.

**2020 Richard E. Hopkins "Torch" Award Nominations (this is the application page)**

### The "Torch" awards acknowledge individuals who work to improve the lives of those affected by mental health or other health-related issues within the Central Texas Community. These awards honor the work and advocacy of Richard E. Hopkins, past Vice-Chair of the Integral Care board and longtime conference supporter.

### This award will be given based upon the extent to which the nominee meets the following criteria.

Which "Torch" Award Category are you nominating this individual for? **\***

Consumer/ Client

Family Member

Community Leader

Professional

**Advocate**

#### Fosters the mission of people with mental health challenges that have lived experiences.

#### Fights for the rights of people with mental health challenges in planning, participating or presenting in health-related issues in the Austin Community.

#### A known supporter of the Central Texas African American Family Support Conference.

#### Demonstrates wisdom, courage and compassion.

Please describe how the nominee meets this "advocate" criteria: **\***

**Determined**

#### Demonstrated ambassadorship. Courageous.

#### Willing to make decisions based on community values, and skills that may affect the consumers and their families.

#### Works well with individuals with mental health challenges.

#### Persistent in identifying and developing lucrative avenues that yield positive results for the Central Texas African American Family Support Conference.

Please describe how the nominee meets this "determined" criteria: \*

**Role Model**

#### Those who serve as a positive source of inspiration for the African American community.

#### They demonstrate a high commitment to ethics.

#### A trustworthy person in the community.

#### Knowledgeable about the news of people with mental health challenges.

Please describe how the nominee meets this "role model" criteria: \*

**Scholarships**

The scholarships listed below provide financial assistance for educational opportunities, lodging, and accommodations during the conference. Scholarships provide help for participants who would not be able to attend without some financial assistance.

Click each scholarship to submit a nomination:

* [Austin Area Mental Health Consumers Lodging Scholarship *(1-night hotel stay)*](https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/8lGhu98hFfODe9g6AIwnew)
* [The Wood Group Educational Scholarship *($500; 2 scholarships available)*](https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/6E07d8ufRtHeIyIVaYQ-Og)
* [Michele Bibby Person in Mental Health Recovery Educational Scholarship ($500)](https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/KD3RyBg6TkEARPMVtkNiBQ)
* [RR Coleman-Calahan Lodging Scholarship ($300)](https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/8rKnH5LSlF6o0n_P8dsXxQ)

**The Austin Area Mental Health Consumers Lodging Scholarship**

### The Austin Area Mental Health Consumers Lodging Scholarship provides a one night hotel stay for a Central Texas African American Family Support Conference attendant with lived mental health or homeless experiences.

**The Wood Group Educational Scholarship**

## The Wood Group Educational Scholarship is the Wood Group’s way of giving back to the community which they serve. The scholarship offers two funding opportunities to individuals (with lived experieince in mental health or impacted by it) to promote education and learning. Scholarships may be used to attend conferences, seminars, workshops, continuing education, or adult education. Applicants may or may not be enrolled in formal education.

**The Michele Bibby Person in Mental Health Recovery Scholarship**

## The Michele Bibby Person in Mental Health Recovery Scholarship was created in 2017 to provide financial assistance to a person with lived experience with mental health issues OR a person who considers themselves in mental health recovery to further their education. The person should be enrolled in a formal program to further their education, has a financial need, and is involved in helping persons with lived experience with mental health issues. Preference will be given to a person who meets all three requirements.

Make your claim: Write an essay

Please provide detailed answers to the following:

•What is your lived experience with mental health?

•What educational program are you enrolled in?

•When do you plan to complete your education program?

•What assistance or service (including paid work or volunteer work) have you provided to people with mental health lived experience?

•What work do you intend to do upon completion of your education program?

•Please describe your need for financial assistance?

**The RR Coleman-Calahan Lodging Scholarship**

## The RR Coleman-Calahan Consumer Lodging Scholarship was inaugurated at the 7th CTAAFSCby The Calahan Family Trust. This scholarship is in honor of Mrs. Roberta Calahan and her late twin brother, Mr. Robert Coleman for their untiring commitment and support of consumers in need with Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and other health related disparities.

## Any individual with a need for accommodation for the conference is welcome to apply for this scholarship.

Make your Case

Please tell us about the nominee (applicant), including current and past experiences, honors, etc. **\***

What is the nominee/applicant doing that would make them an advocate for mental health-related issues?

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What sets this nominee/applicant apart? **\***

How is this scholarship going to make a difference in nominee/applicant's life? **\***