CONNECTIONS

FALL PROGRAMS 2019 – PLEASE JOIN US

It is that time of the year when school resumes, cooler days are nearing, and the Brain Injury Association of Missouri is busy planning educational and recognition opportunities for survivors, families and professionals.

In this newsletter and on our website you will find opportunities to gain knowledge, recognize accomplishments, prepare for the future, and make a difference for others. Below is a brief description of what is available.

**Annual Professional Development Conference**

Increasing knowledge about brain injury for professionals results in improved care and outcomes for survivors of brain injury. This professional education conference relating specifically to brain injury features national and local experts who discuss cutting-edge technologies, best practice treatment options and innovative therapeutic strategies.

**Survivor & Family Seminar – Eastern Missouri**

Many individuals and families have a list of questions about life with brain injury. Seminar sessions offer practical suggestions about life with brain injury. Support and sharing among survivors of brain injury and family members are a big part of the day too.

**BIA-MO Annual Awards**

Many individuals and organizations help create a better life for persons with brain injury. They also increase awareness, improve access to services and strengthen the brain injury community. The BIA-MO Annual Awards recognize a few of those individuals at the Awards Luncheon & Annual Meeting.

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BIA-MO HISTORY AND FUTURE – LEGACY OF YOUR LIFE

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) was started more than 37 years ago by a group of parents seeking a better life for their children living with brain injury. They also wanted to ensure that other families would not face the same challenges of finding help in the future. And while a lot has changed in our nearly four decades of service, our history of advocacy and support continues to be built on the strong foundation of our past.

Our legacy is secure because of you, our loyal supporters. We are grateful that you have been part of our history by participating in services and events, being an ambassador in the community, volunteering, making donations, and countless other ways.

We must continue providing help and hope for survivors of brain injury and their families. Continuing to educate professionals, lawmakers and the general public is vital. We must continue to make a difference every day.

Because you are part of our history, we invite you to be part of our future. The “Legacy of Life” planned giving program is an important part of that future.

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MAUREEN’S MESSAGE

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) is proud to be the State of Missouri chartered affiliate of the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA). Our services of support, education, recreation and advocacy are complemented by BIAA programs, national leadership and research.

BIAA offers a number of training and educational opportunities including:

Brain Injury Fundamentals – Training and certificate program for non-licensed direct care professionals, facility staff, family members and friends, first responders and others who provide care for persons with brain injury. The Practical Training Workbook cost $125 per person, plus training costs charged by the hosting organization.

Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS) – Credentialing for paid professionals in the field of brain injury services based on successful passage of the CBIS exam. This professional certification is a great next step for medical, rehabilitation, direct care and community providers to be recognized as a valuable and well-informed resource within the community. The costs for group online examinations range from $210 - $300 per person. Study material, training and exam proctoring are additional costs.

Policy Corner – Free weekly updates and highlights on federal policies related to brain injury that affect persons with brain injury, family members, professionals and the community. Sign up at BIAA’s website.

Research on “Finding Cures for Brain Injury” – Grant program with priority areas of Chronic Brain Injury, Childhood TBI, and Life Expectancy Impact. BIAA will award Dissertation and Seed Grants. There are two types of Seed Grants: BIAA Young Investigator Grants for new investigations and the BIAA Brain Injury Scholar Grants to support testing of new hypotheses using existing data. Two Dissertation and two Seed Grants will be awarded in 2019.

For additional information about BIAA and these opportunities, visit www.biausa.org. Or visit Brain Injury Association of Missouri website, www.biamo.org for local opportunities, events and resources.

USDA PARTNER PROGRAMS

What happens when a new, beginning, or experienced farmer sustains an injury, on- or off- the farm, and wants to continue farming? What career options do they have? Is farming still viable employment for the individual once they experience a disability due to brain injury? What help is available to pursue farming or ranching as a career?

In Missouri, there are two USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) funded programs. The Brain Injury Association of Missouri partners with the Missouri AgrAbility Project and the Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program to provide assistance for survivors of brain injury to explore, begin or continue a career in farming or ranching.

“I would say to any farmer that has not experienced AgrAbility, you need to get up, open your eyes, and take a look,” said Keith Raspberry, Missouri AgrAbility client. “AgrAbility has tremendously helped every farmer that I have spoken to. With AgrAbility, and a little will [of your own], you’ll be able to go a long way.”

If you are “new, beginning, or experienced” with an interest in farming, ranching, or other agricultural careers, or you simply want to learn more, please contact Missouri AgrAbility or Beginning Farmers and Ranchers program at 1.800.995.8503.
AgrAbility increases the likelihood that individuals with disabilities and their families engaged in agriculture become more successful. The program links the University of Missouri Extension with Lincoln University Cooperative Extension and the Brain Injury Association of Missouri to provide practical education and assistance that promotes independence in agricultural production and rural living. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA); an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), administers the AgrAbility Project.

In Missouri, AgrAbility works in partnerships to offer free statewide services such as:

- Identifying farmers, ranchers, or farm workers with disabilities by referring them to appropriate resources;
- Providing technical one-on-one assistance with recommendations about adaptive farm equipment, tools and machinery,
- Providing information on how to modify farm operation, farm equipment farm machinery and buildings;
- Providing agriculture-based education to help prevent secondary injury;
- Providing training to help farmers and ranchers with disabilities; and
- Coordinating peer support networks.

**Eligibility**
All farmers and ranchers eligible for services who have any type of disability and/or chronic disease, whether it is physical, cognitive, or illness-related.

**Contact**
If interested in learning about how you can receive AgrAbility services please call us at **1.800.995.8503**. You can also visit the Missouri AgrAbility webpage at:

[http://agrability.missouri.edu](http://agrability.missouri.edu)

**Collaborating Partners**

These materials are based upon work supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture, under sponsored project number 2018-41590-22323.
BIA-MO 15TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

The only conference in Missouri developed to specifically address issues relating to brain injury. It is the premier educational opportunity for professionals who provide care for individuals with brain injury.

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Adjustment to Disability: Life with Brain Injury
Christopher J. Wolf, DO – Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Bluetail Medical Group

The Role of Vision Therapy in Brain Injury Recovery
Catherine Radakovic, OD – Neuro-Optometrist, Webster Eye Care

Triple Whammy: Barriers, Behavioral and Addiction Issues After Brain Injury
Rolf B. Gainer, PhD – Vice President, Rehabilitation Institutes of America

Trauma and the Brain: A Psychological and Physiological Perspective
David R. Strother, LSCSW/LCSW, CCTP – Director of Military Services, Valor Recovery Program, Signature Psychiatric Hospital

Reducing Risk and Readmission Rates of Stroke Survivors
Tyler Adamski, DNP, APRN, FNP-C – Stroke Coordinator, St. Luke’s Hospital

Suicide Prevention - Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Gatekeeper Training
Jon Sabala, CPS – Veterans Services Director, Missouri Department of Mental Health

Community Integration Strategies
Kenda Curativo, DE, ESP-A, ESP-TBI – Employment Specialist - Brain Injury and Autism, The Center for Head Injury Services
Linda Lewis – Independent Living Specialist, Rural Advocates for Independent Living
Angie Toebben – Program Manager - Camp/Special Populations, Jefferson City Parks & Recreation
Katie Worzel, MSW, LCSW – Owner and Care Manager, Cornerstone Care Management, LLC
Suzanne Yardley – Director of Independent Living Services, Easter Seals Midwest

Friday, October 4, 2019

Increasing Independence and Improving Therapy with Technology, Robotics and Adaptive Equipment
David Baker – Director, Missouri Assistive Technology

Missouri AgrAbility Project – USDA NIFA funded program, in partnership with the University of Missouri Extension and collaborating organizations

Brain Injury as a Chronic Health Condition
Mark J. Ashley, ScD, CCC-SLP, CCM, CBIST – Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Neuro Skills

Long-Term Cognitive Impairment Strategies and Memory Techniques
Charity Shelton, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIS – Speech Language Pathologist, Mercy Neuro Outpatient Therapy Services - Springfield, Missouri

Family Dynamics and Role Changes Following Brain Injury
Deborah Gutteridge, MS, CBIST – Regional Manager of Marketing and Business Development - Central, NeuroRestorative

Brain Repair and Neuroplasticity
Sindhu Jacob, MD, FAAPMR – Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Washington University Physicians

Methods and Implications of Neuropsychological Evaluations
Éric Hart, PsyD, ABPP – Associate Department Chair, Health Psychology, MU School of Health Professions

Survivor Presentation
Érica Walker – Survivor of Brain Injury, Author, “Through the Lens: A Book of Short Stories”
CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CONFERENCE AUDIENCE

Thursday and Friday: Professionals of various disciplines
Saturday: Survivors of brain injury, family members and caregivers

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Sponsorship reflects your commitment to support educational programming for professionals in the field of brain injury. It provides maximum exposure of your support for the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) through at-conference recognition, printed material, on our website, and through social media. All Sponsorships include signage during the Conference, full page advertisement in the printed Conference Program, and recognition during the Welcome Address, in the BIA-MO newsletter and on our website.

___ Co-Host Sponsor — $10,000
Your logo on Conference Registration Brochure, Event Program, and e-newsletters produced after your Sponsorship is received
Eight professional Conference registrations
Prime 12-foot exhibit space in Exhibit Hall
Sponsorship recognized on BIA-MO social media
Link from the BIA-MO website

___ Track Sponsor — $5,000
Your logo on Conference Registration Brochure and Event Program, produced after your Sponsorship is received
Six professional Conference registrations
Prime exhibit space in Exhibit Hall
Sponsorship recognized on BIA-MO social media
Link from the BIA-MO website

___ Lunch Sponsor — $3,000
Four professional Conference registrations
Prime exhibit space in Exhibit Hall
Five-minute (maximum) address at your Sponsored Luncheon

___ Keynote Sponsor — $1,000
Two professional Conference registrations
Exhibit space in Exhibit Hall
Signage displayed during your Sponsored Keynote Session

___ Break Sponsor — $500
Signage displayed during your Sponsored Refreshment Break or Breakout Session

EXHIBIT

One-on-one marketing through an exhibit at the BIA-MO Annual Statewide Conference is an effective opportunity to share information about your products and services with professionals, survivors of brain injury and family members.

___ Full Conference Exhibitor — $385
(No discount for fewer than three days exhibiting.)

___ Survivor and Family Seminar Exhibitor (only) — $125

Sponsorship Commitment – Page 11 of this newsletter
Online www.biamo.org
Email Conference@biamo.org
Phone 1.800.444.6443 or 314-426-4024
(Sponsorship is tax-deductible to the extent the law will allow.)

COMMENTS BY CONFERENCE 2018 ATTENDEES

“Excellent conference – encouraged active networking. Incredible community.”

“[I] Like the wide variety of topics covered. The AgrAbility/Ranch program talk was excellent.”

“I always enjoy this conference and always find it relevant.”
SURVIVOR & FAMILY SEMINAR - EASTERN MISSOURI

October 5, 2019
Marriott St. Louis West
660 Maryville Centre Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141

Program Sessions 2019

Brain Injury 101
Pre-seminar session for individuals and families recently impacted by brain injury or years post-injury with unanswered questions.

Understanding and Coping with Sensory Overwhelm
Learn how your thoughts, actions, beliefs and experience of sensations are related, and ways to cope when sights, sounds, smells, tastes and textures feel like too much.

Survivor Keynote Presentation
Featuring Erica Walker, survivor of brain injury, author and filmmaker.

What is Neuropsychology?
Discover how a neuropsychological evaluation can be beneficial for you or a loved one.

Brain Injury and Depression
How brain injury correlates to depression, options for treatment and recommendations for coping skills.

Improving Memory and Other Thinking Skills After Brain Injury
Suggestions for working on memory in the home and community settings.

Let’s Talk
Facilitated discussion to encourage sharing of experiences of life with brain injury. One group for survivors of brain injury and one for family and friends.

Registration
Mail: Form on page 11 of this newsletter
Online: www.biamo.org
Email: info@biamo.org
Phone: 314-426-4024 or 1-800-444-6443

BOWLING FOR BRAIN INJURY – EXCEEDED GOAL

Thank you to everyone who participated in Bowling for Brain Injury 2019. More than $36,000 was raised which exceeded the goal! You are helping to increase awareness about brain injury, provide services for persons with brain injury, and prevent brain injuries.

Event Highlights
- 35 Teams participated in Bowling for Brain Injury
- 210 Bowlers were joined by numerous cheering spectators
- 300 individuals and corporations donated to the event

Top Recognition
Best Team Theme – St. Louis: Brendan’s Bowlers theme of “Survivors of Brain Injury are Heroes Without Capes”

Most Corporate Teams - SSM Health Rehabilitation Network with five teams

Statewide Fundraiser – Renee Sargent-Harrison raised $5,300

Teams that raised $2,500 or more
- Brendan’s Bowlers
- L. Keeley Construction
- Sargent Strike Club
- SSM Rehab Gutter Girls

Teams that raised $1,000 or more
- Attorneys Strike Back
- Candi’s Rock’n’Bowlers
- Gutter Gang
- Injury Lawyers Move to Strike
- Mercy Rehab Rollers

Sponsors underwrote all event costs. Every dollar raised by Bowlers directly supports services of BIA-MO.

Strike Sponsors
- Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital – Springfield
- Missouri Foundation for Health
- The Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis

Lane Sponsors
- Great Southern Bank
- Kelly Lane Family
- Kennelwood Pet Resorts
- Schwarz Ltd.
- West Community Credit Union

Save the Date for Bowling for Brain Injury 2020
Kansas City – June 13, 2020
ADVOCACY REPORT 2019

The Missouri Legislative session that ended in May 2019 was a very active one for Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO). Two major issues consumed hours of conversation, advocacy and education for lawmakers. The participation of BIA-MO supporters, survivors of brain injury, families, and professionals played key roles in impacting the outcomes. Thank you. And stay tuned – more action may be needed.

Motorcycle Helmet Law Repeal

Governor Mike Parson vetoed Senate Bill (SB) 147 that would have repealed the Missouri all-rider motorcycle helmet law.

Thank you to all of the advocates who contacted the Governor requesting the veto. Your personal and professional stories about motorcycle helmets saving lives and the realities of life with brain injury were important to share with the Governor. Concerns about the costs of repealing our motorcycle helmet law were also important for the Governor to hear.

Key points that were shared by advocates, BIA-MO, health professionals and safety experts included:

- With the all-rider motorcycle helmet law, Missouri has a fatality rate of 13 percent of motorcyclists not wearing a helmet. By comparison, that number is 74 percent in Illinois and 94 percent in Iowa, which have no motorcycle helmet laws. The 17-and-younger motorcycle helmet law in Kansas has a 70 percent fatality rate for un-helmeted riders. Arkansas has a 20-and-younger motorcycle helmet law and their un-helmeted rider fatality rate is 59 percent.
- When a motorcycle helmet is not worn, injuries sustained by the individual are classified as disabling or evident in 75 percent of the cases.
- An additional 330 motorcyclists will sustain a brain injury without the Missouri all-rider motorcycle helmet law.
- The Fiscal Note for SB 147, issued by the Missouri Committee on Legislative Research Oversight Division, outlined that an additional $3 million would be needed for State services if our motorcycle helmet law is repealed. This amount would increase each year.

The Missouri legislature will be in Jefferson City on Wednesday, September 11, for its annual Veto Session. Stay tuned for Advocacy Alert emails if the State Senators and Representatives consider a veto override of SB 147.

Brain Injury Waiver

Missouri is (again) getting closer to having a brain injury waiver. Funding is appropriated in the Missouri FY2020 budget. The application is currently being considered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is responding to CMS questions during the review process.

If approved, the Brain Injury Waiver will be implemented on October 1, 2019. The purpose of this Brain Injury Waiver is to provide individuals with traumatic brain injury opportunities for earlier access to rehabilitation and community supports. The results will be improved quality of life with brain injury.

Covered services in the Brain Injury Waiver application include: Personal Care Services, Applied Behavior Analysis, Assistive Technology, Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy, Home Modification for Accessibility, Neuropsychological Evaluations, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy.

Eligibility criteria for Brain Injury Waiver services is that the person must be between the ages of 21 and 65, have sustained a traumatic brain injury, and meet nursing home level of care.

This inaugural Brain Injury Waiver in Missouri is a starting point. There are only 20 “slots” available to serve individuals with brain injury. It is funded with $266,836 of Missouri General Revenue matched by $500,000 of federal funding.

Hopefully it will be announced soon that the Missouri Brain Injury Waiver is approved and ready for implementation.
Survivors of brain injury enjoyed a week of fun, adventure, relaxation and friendship at the BIA-MO Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp 2019.

FISHING AT THE LAKE IS JUST ONE ACTIVITY AVAILABLE AT CAMP

AN INTENSE GAME OF CHECKERS IS THE CHOICE FOR A BREAK FROM THE HEAT AT CAMP

SHOWING OFF TIE-DYED SHIRTS IS ONLY PART OF THE FUN AT BIA-MO CAMP

GIRLS WANNA HAVE FUN TOO

Plan to join us in 2020 for the BIA-MO Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp! To receive a registration packet for next year, send an email to Camp@biamo.org. The dates for 2020 are pending.

HONORARIAM & MEMORIAL GIFTS
(February 15, 2019 – August 15, 2019)

IN HONOR OF
Tom Dixon – TRISL Half Marathon
Jennifer Ramsey
Mike Bigogno – IronMan Competition
Dorothy Bigogno
Gregg Bigogno
Kristin Hahn – Walk Float Swim Laps
Margaret and Stephen Suchsland

IN MEMORY OF
William “Bill” Bernickus
Donna Dierker
Eileen and Harvey Hahn
Beverly Bargiel
Cheryl Price
UFP and idX Corporation, Management Team
Lori Winter
Annette Collins
John Collins
Jackson Schmitt
Lori Winter
Dorothy Sullivan
Cheryl Price

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Educational Scholarships
Survivors of brain injury who are pursuing post-secondary education can apply for financial assistance for education-related expenses. This is a competitive scholarship program available for technical, college and university educational programs.

Legacy of Life Informational Gathering
Estate planning puts you in control of the distribution of your assets with consideration to tax benefits, allocation to heirs and support to help others.

For these events and recognition opportunities, you may register using the form on page 11 of this newsletter, online at www.biamo.org, email info@biamo.org or call 1-800-444-6443.
Each year the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) honors individuals and organizations that have made an outstanding contribution in the brain injury community.

The BIA-MO Annual Awards 2019 will be presented at the Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 5 at the Brain Injury Association of Missouri Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon.

Please nominate individuals, a group of individuals, companies or organizations you feel are deserving of a BIA-MO Award.

**Courage Award**
Honors the success of an individual with brain injury.

**Bill Buell Memorial Award**
Honors a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor or Case Manager who has provided outstanding service to the brain injury community within or outside of his or her employment responsibilities.

**Point of Light Award**
Honors an individual who has provided outstanding service to persons with brain injury. Nominations must be made by an individual with brain injury.

**Volunteer of the Year**
Honors an individual who has furthered the Mission of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri through his or her volunteer service with the organization.

**Legislator of the Year**
Honors an elected official representing citizens of Missouri who has supported the prevention of brain injuries, services for survivors of brain injury or their families, or supported issues important to the brain injury community.

**Service Excellence Award - Community Service**
Honors an individual or organization for exceptional service within the brain injury community.

**Service Excellence Award - Fundraising**
Honors an individual or organization for efforts to generate financial support for services of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.

**Service Excellence Award - Prevention**
Honors an individual or organization for lasting contributions in brain injury prevention.

**Service Excellence Award - Public Relations**
Honors an individual or organization for outreach and educational efforts that have increased awareness of brain injury, needs within the brain injury community, and the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**
Honors an individual or organization for significant contributions and long-term impact to the brain injury community.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PLANNED GIVING INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019 AT THE BIA-MO OFFICE. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT OPTIONS TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR HEIRS, TO CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR PERSONS WITH BRAIN INJURY, AND TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF BIA-MO.

The “Legacy of Life” informational gathering will include discussions about the importance of planning distribution of your estate, documenting your intentions, and considering tax benefits of various planned giving options. Helpful material to take home for private reflection will be available.

This evening is designed as a conversation for you to learn about financial and planned giving opportunities in a comfortable environment among BIA-MO friends. Friends who, like you, are part of our history and we hope part of our future.

Thank you for continuing to build upon the history of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri by making it part of your Legacy of Life. Please join us.

**Legacy of Life Informational Gathering**
October 9, 2019 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Brain Injury Association of Missouri office
2265 Schuetz Road, St. Louis, MO 63146

For more information and to register for the Legacy of Life planning giving gathering, please visit our website www.biamo.org; email Courtney@biamo.org; or call 314.426.4024.
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) is pleased to offer educational scholarships for survivors of brain injury to pursue post-secondary education.

SSM Health Rehabilitation Network Educational Scholarship

Corporate scholarship of SSM Health Rehabilitation Network-Select Medical Partnership to assist survivors of brain injury on their road of recovery through encouragement and support for post-secondary education. The SSM Health Rehabilitation Network Scholarship program offers two (2) $750 post-secondary educational scholarships for survivors of brain injury.

Jim and Lori Winter Educational Scholarship

Honors the long-time volunteer leadership of Jim and Lori Winter for strengthening the Brain Injury Association of Missouri. Lori continues her volunteer service as a Support Group Facilitator for two groups. Donations to BIA-MO support the Jim and Lori Winter Educational Scholarship Fund to provide two $500 scholarships for survivors of brain injury to pursue post-secondary education.

Griggs Injury Law Educational Scholarship

Corporate scholarship of Griggs Injury Law, LLC to assist survivors of brain injury in Western Missouri and Kansas counties of Johnson and Wyandotte. The Griggs Injury Law Educational Scholarships will provide two (2) $750 scholarships to support post-secondary education.

BIA-MO Education Scholarship Application Guidelines

• BIA-MO Scholarship Application Cover Sheet: Applicant completes only one Application Cover Sheet for submission for the Jim and Lori Winter Scholarship, Griggs Injury Law Scholarship and the SSM Health Rehabilitation Network Scholarship. All applicants will be considered for each of the scholarships.

• Supporting Material:
  - Application Essay: Up to 500 words by the survivor of brain injury sharing how and when his or her brain injury occurred, challenges that have resulted, and education status, successes and goals. This essay should include the applicant’s educational plans and how the BIA-MO Scholarship program will assist in reaching the goals.
  - Two letters of reference from individuals familiar with applicant’s abilities and education/training goals such as a teacher, rehabilitation therapist, counselor, or employer
  - Acceptance Verification: showing acceptance to participate in education/training program of choice

• Deadline for Application Cover Sheet and Supporting Material is September 15, 2019

Eligibility:

• These scholarships are only eligible to survivors of brain injury for post-secondary education which includes two-year colleges, four-year colleges or universities, and vocational and trade school educational institutions.

• Scholarship funding can only be used for expenses directly related to post-secondary education. Allowable expenses include tuition, room and board, books, required class material such as workbooks, specialized tools, etc. The scholarship payment will be sent directly to the educational institution.

• Awards will be recognized at the BIA-MO Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon as part of the Annual Conference Survivor and Family Seminar on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Marriott St. Louis West hotel.

Submit application to:

Mail: Brain Injury Association of Missouri, Inc.
2265 Schuetz Road, Saint Louis, MO 63146-3409
Fax: 314.426.3290
Email: info@biamo.org
Online: www.biamo.org
**REGISTER NOW FOR BIA-MO UPCOMING FALL 2019 PROGRAMS**

**Events**

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**Survivor and Family Seminar Registration, Saturday, October 5, 2019**

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**Conference Meals - Dietary Restrictions required by September 20, 2019. Vegetarian meal requests and dietary restrictions are required by September 20, 2019. No exceptions will be made at the Conference.**

- I request vegetarian meals.
- I have dietary restrictions. **Specify:** _____________________________________________

Total number of Event attendees = ________ Registration Total = $ ________

**Legacy of Life Informational Meeting, Wednesday, October 9, 2019**

FREE x ________

**Additional Support**

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Support Total = $ ________

**Contact and Payment**

**Payment Options**

- Enclosed is check/money order payable to BIA-MO for $ ________
- Please invoice me
- Please charge my Visa/MC/Disc/American Express
  - Name on Card: __________________________________________________ Card #: __________________________
  - Exp. Date: _______________ CVV Code (on back): __________________________
  - Cardholder billing address (if different than above)
    - Address/Zip: __________________________________________________

**Contact Information**

- Name ___________________________________________ Day Phone: (____) ____________________
- Company/Agency __________________________________________
- Address ____________________________________________ Apt # _____
- City ___________________________________________ State __________ Zip Code __________
- Additional Names: 1. ____________________ 2. ____________________ 3. ____________________ 4. ____________________ 5. ____________________

Complete and mail or fax by September 20, 2019 to:
Brain Injury Association of Missouri
2265 Schuetz Rd.,
Saint Louis, MO 63146-3409
Phone: 314.426.4024
Fax: 314.426.3290
Online registration available at www.biamo.org
IN MY OWN WORDS

By Allan D.

I was involved in a severe motorcycle accident on May 5, 2008. My front tire blew out just prior to a hairpin turn and I proceeded to strike an automobile. I lost a great deal of blood and was in critical condition.

I was diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and nearly lost my leg. I was an inpatient at Springfield Cox Health Hospital, then Cox Walnut Inpatient Rehab, before spending more than two months at Ozark Neuro Rehab Center.

If I had not been wearing a helmet on May 5, 2008, my body and brain function would have remained greatly impaired - or have ceased to exist. I can’t express strongly enough how thankful I am for wearing a motorcycle helmet and living to tell my story and to serving others!

BIA-MO MISSION

The mission of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri is to reduce the incidence of brain injury, to promote acceptance, independence and productivity of persons with brain injury and to support their families.