

### 2021 Brainpower Chronicles Casting Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in being considered for the 2021 *Brainpower Chronicles: Mental Health Stories* cast. Anyone living with a mental illness or a family member/caregiver of someone with a mental health condition is welcome to apply. This is NAMI Washington's signature fundraising event and features true, personal stories that are hopeful and inspiring while reducing the stigma of mental illness. For examples of previous storytellers, [watch the 2020 performance](#). The deadline to apply is **March 31, 2021**.

No prior public speaking experience is required, but you must be available to attend mandatory rehearsals (virtual) and the performance (hopefully live) in \*Kirkland. Below is the schedule for rehearsals and the performance.

- April 10 & 11, Casting interviews by appointment (virtual)
- April 24 10:00-1:00, All cast workshop (virtual)
- May 15, June 19, August 14, September 18, Individual coaching 11:00-3:00 by appointment (virtual)
- October 9, 10:00-1:00, All cast rehearsal (virtual)
- November 5, Dress rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM (Live)
- November 6, Performance 5:00-10:00 PM (Live)

\*Funds are available to assist with travel for cast members living outside western Washington. Casting and rehearsals will be held virtually until it is deemed publically safe to hold in person.

**The only other requirement to be considered for the cast is that you must be a NAMI member;** if you are not a current NAMI member you must join or renew at [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org) before proceeding with your application. NAMI has three levels of membership: Individual \$40; Household \$60; and Open Door \$5. If becoming a NAMI member is a financial barrier, please contact Lauren Simonds at [Lsimonds@namiwa.org](mailto:Lsimonds@namiwa.org), as we have membership scholarship funds we can use on a case by case basis.

#### *The Brainpower Chronicles: Mental Health Stories* Questionnaire

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is this story about you, or a family member/friend?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Provide a brief (one paragraph) summary of the story you want to tell. How does it start, what changed, and where are you today?

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3. What do you want people to do, think, and/feel as a result of hearing your story?
  
4. Have you ever performed or spoken publicly? (*Note: This is not required for participating in this event.*)  
 YES  NO If YES, please share a little about it.
  
5. I am comfortable being featured in marketing as a face of this event, appearing in social media videos, on television, or on radio?  YES  NO (*signed media release required*)
  
6. I am available to attend all rehearsals and the performance date listed in the introduction.  
 YES  NO

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