

Scholarships for Cancer Patients and Survivors

Below is a list of scholarship opportunities for you to consider. Not all of them will be useful to you. Some of them are disease specific or only available to people in certain geographic areas. Others are not cancer specific, but may still be worth exploring.

Scholarship information is subject to change. Please review the website for each foundation for the most current information.

If you require of a letter of verification of diagnosis or of recommendation, please email Toni Leavitt, AYA Oncology Program Coordinator at ayaprogram@cookchildrens.org.

If you find that any of the information is out of date or if you discover other opportunities not listed here, we would appreciate it if you would let us know so that we can update our information – please email ayaprogram@cookchildrens.org. We would also love to hear if you are successful in obtaining any of these scholarships.

Good luck with your search!

The Angela Stanford Foundation

<https://angelastanfordfoundation.org/scholarships/>

- **Age:** Current high school student or college undergraduates
- **Diagnosis:** All cancers
- **Additional requirements:** Must be a Texas resident and attending a college or university in the state of Texas.
- **Deadline:** 2020 date to be announced

Bone Marrow and Cancer Foundation Scholarship Grant

<https://bonemarrow.org/support-and-financial-aid/financial-assistance/scholarship-grants>

- **Diagnosis:** Must have undergone transplant
- **Additional requirements:** Helps cover tuition fees, academic supplies, or educational homebound equipment. Student must be enrolled or preparing to enroll in primary or secondary public education, two- or four-year college or university, specific trade school or homebound education. Must demonstrate need for financial assistance (annual household income should be less than \$55,000). Cannot be applied towards an existing loan.
- **Deadline:** Rolling; grants are awarded for a period of one year and may be renewed

Brain Injury Survivors Grant Program Educational Award

<https://www.biadc.org/pdf/grant-program-educational-award-2012.pdf>

- **Age:** High school senior who is planning to continue his/ her education beyond high school. This may include 2-year college, 4-year college, or other professional/ trade school. The funds may be used toward tuition, books, or other necessary supplies (e.g. computer).
- **Diagnosis:** Brain injury
- **Amount:** \$500
- **Deadline:** Applications will be accepted from March 1st to May 31st of the year in which you graduate from high school. Decisions will be made in June.

Beyond the Cure (National Children's Cancer Society)

<https://www.thenccs.org/scholarship/>

- **Age:** Currently under the age of 25, diagnosed before the age of 18
- **Diagnosis:** Survivor of childhood cancer or a high grade or anaplastic brain tumor
- **Additional requirements:** Accepted into a post-secondary school for the fall semester of the upcoming academic year.
- **Amount:** 58 \$3500 scholarships will be awarded each academic year
- **Deadline:** January 2021

Cameron Siemers Foundation for Hope "Life Grants"

<http://www.cameronsiers.org/life-grants/>

- **Age:** 18-30
- **Diagnosis:** Any life-threatening illness, including cancer; The "life grants" are intended to be used to fulfill a dream or pay for a project that will make a difference in the recipient's life and the lives of others. This award is focused on community service.
- **Amount:** Up to \$5,000
- **Deadline:** Rolling Application

Cancer for College

<http://www.cancerforcollege.org>

- **Age:** No age requirement
- **Diagnosis:** Cancer patients and cancer survivors
- **Additional requirements:** Scholarships are available for attendance at a four-year or two-year undergraduate institution or graduate school.
- **Amount:** \$500 - \$4,000
- **Deadline:** Opens November 1, 2020; closes January 31, 2021

Cancer Survivors Fund

<http://www.cancersurvivorsfund.org/Applications/HowToApply.htm>

- **Age:** No restrictions
- **Diagnosis:** Current and former cancer patients
- **Amount:** Not disclosed, based on need
- **Deadline:** Application process to open February 3, 2021 for the Fall 2021 semester

The Hoffen Foundation Dillon Wolford Scholarship

<http://www.hoffenfoundation.org/Scholarships/>

- **Age:** Open to high school seniors and college students

- **Diagnosis:** Current or history of a life threatening illness or injury
- **Amount:** \$1,000 (5 scholarships awarded)
- **Deadline:** April 30th, 2021, awarded by June 1

The Izzy Foundation *

<http://www.theizzyfoundation.org/academic-scholarships/>

- **Age:** Two categories – K-12 & College
- **Diagnosis:** Pediatric cancer diagnosed before the age of 18, childhood cancer survivor under the age of 25, and siblings under the age of 25 (bereaved siblings can apply)
- **Amount:** \$1,000 per student
- **Deadline:** Opens March 1st, closes May 1st annually

The Jackie Spellman Scholarship Program *

<https://jackiespellmanbenefit.org/scholarships/#apply>

- **Age:** High school seniors and college students
- **Diagnosis:** Those impacted by leukemia or lymphoma. Includes survivors, individuals undergoing treatment, and individuals who have a member of his or her immediate family who have or had leukemia or lymphoma.
- **Amount:** Up to 10 scholarships are awarded annually between \$1000 and \$3000 and are renewable
- **Deadline:** April 15, 2021

Kids-4-Kids with Cancer Scholarship

<https://www.kids4kidswithcancer.org/scholarships-1>

- **Diagnosis:** Diagnosed with cancer before the 18th birthday
- **Additional requirements:** Must be enrolled, accepted for enrollment, or have applied for enrollment in an educational institution and course of study leading to a recognized degree.
- **Amount:** \$500 - \$2500
- **Deadline:** Opens December 1st, 2020; Closes February 1st

Mesothelioma Cancer Alliance Scholarship *

<http://www.mesothelioma.com/scholarship/>

- **Diagnosis:** All cancers, not limited to mesothelioma, or those who have a parent, sibling, or immediate family member that has been diagnosed with cancer
- **Additional requirements:** Must be enrolled full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year university, community college, junior college, or graduate degree program.
- **Amount:** \$4,000 scholarship award
- **Deadline:** March 31, 2021 for the 2021 academic year

The Michael A. Hunter Memorial Scholarship *

<https://oc-cf.academicworks.com/opportunities/2075>

- **Diagnosis:** Patients with Leukemia or Lymphoma or children of non-surviving Leukemia or Lymphoma patients
- **Additional requirements:** Graduating high school senior, community college, or four-year university students. Must have a financial need.

* = siblings or other family members eligible

- **Amount:** \$2,000 - \$3,000
- **Deadline:** Applications open on January 18 and close on March 16, 2021 for the 2021 academic year

National Collegiate Cancer Foundation *

<http://collegiatecancer.org/scholarships/>

- **Age:** 18-35 (can be 17 if entering college in the fall following application).
- **Diagnosis:** Cancer survivors or currently receiving treatment; also those who have lost a parent or guardian to cancer
- **Additional requirements:** Attend or plan to attend an accredited college, university or vocational institution in pursuit of an associate, bachelor, master's, doctorate or certificate.
- **Amount:** \$1,000 scholarship award; multiple awards per year
- **Deadline:** July 15, 2021

Northwestern Mutual Childhood Cancer Survivor & Sibling Scholarship Program *

<https://www.scholarsapply.org/nmsurvivors/>

- **Age:** 25 and younger
- **Diagnosis:** Any cancer diagnosis treated at any age or siblings of individuals who are in current treatment, have survived or passed away from pediatric childhood cancer
- **Additional requirements:** Applicants must be high school seniors, high school graduates or current postsecondary undergraduates who plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent) and demonstrate financial need.
- **Amount:** \$5,000 (25 awarded to patients; 10 to siblings)
- **Deadline:** Application opens November 2020; Deadline January 29, 2021

Orange Out M/C Forever Friends Scholarship *

<http://www.orangeout.org/mc-forever-friends-scholarship.html>

- **Age:** High school senior
- **Diagnosis:** All cancers, or siblings of cancer patient
- **Additional requirements:** Applicant, or sibling of applicant must have been treated at a children's hospital in the DFW Metroplex.
- **Amount:** Not disclosed
- **Deadline:** April 24, 2021

Patient Advocate Foundation

<http://www.patientadvocate.org/help.php?p=69>

- **Age:** Under 25
- **Diagnosis:** Must have been diagnosed with or treated for cancer and/or a chronic/ life-threatening disease within the past five years
- **Additional requirements:** Once awarded, recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA, be a full-time student, and complete 20 hours of community service per year that the scholarship is awarded.

* = siblings or other family members eligible

- **Amount:** \$3,000 award renewable up to 4 years
- **Deadline:** March 1, 2021 for Fall 2021 semester

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the United States

<http://www.curethekids.org/family-resources/scholarships/>

- **Age:** Diagnosed at or before age of 19
- **Diagnosis:** Childhood brain and/or spinal cord tumor
- **Amount:** \$1,000 one year award
- **Deadline:** 2020-2021 date to be announced

The Ruth Cheatham Foundation Scholarship

<https://www.ruthcheathamfoundation.org/scholarship-info/>

- **Age:** 17-26
- **Diagnosis:** All cancers, either in treatment or off treatment
- **Amount:** Not disclosed
- **Deadline:** 2020 Date to be announced

Transplant Recipients International Organization (TRIO) *

<http://www.trioweb.org/resources/trio-scholarships.html>

- **Age:** Diagnosed at or before age of 19
- **Diagnosis:** Solid organ or bone marrow candidate, recipient, donor, or an immediate family member (defined as a parent, child, spouse of sibling)
- **Additional requirements:** Must be a TRIO member (to join, visit their website). Must have financial need. Must use scholarship award for continuing education at an accredited college, university or trade/ technical school certificate program.
- **Amount:** Several \$1,000 one-year non-renewable award
- **Deadline:** 2020-2021 date to be announced

Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults *

<http://ulmanfund.org/scholarships/>

- **Age:** 15-39 (age while in active treatment)
- **Diagnosis:** All cancers, or those with an immediate family member diagnosed with cancer
- **Amount:** \$2,500 over two semesters
- **Deadline:** Application process opens early 2021

* = siblings or other family members eligible

Other resources for scholarship information:

- **College Board** – Helpful articles on financing your college education.
- **FastAid** – Search hints, tips from students who have been through the process, and other reading materials.
- **FastWeb** – A free internet search engine for state financial aid resources. It also offers other resources such as reading materials about applying for different types of scholarships, grants, and government funding
- **Federal Student Aid Information Center** – This website allows you to learn about and apply for all forms of federal aid, and manage federal loans.
- **Scholarships.com** – A free internet search tool for college scholarships.
- **Mometrix** – A free list of 175 scholarships
- **The Scholarship Workshop** – List of scholarships available for high school students planning to attend college.
- **FinAid** – scholarships, loans
- **U.S. Department of Education, Office of Secondary Education** – Highlights available government resources and the application process.