

## Scholarships for Undergraduate & Graduate Students With Cystic Fibrosis

### **Boomer Esiason Foundation Education Scholarships**

BEF will be awarding 20 students \$10,000 scholarships each year for undergraduate and graduate students, with the opportunity for more financial aid. The BEF Scholarship committee considers the applicant's scholastic ability, character, leadership potential, service to the community and need for financial assistance. During the application process, students will be given the option to write a long-form essay answering a specific question pertaining to a scholarship designation. Completing the essay automatically enters the student into the pool of candidates who will be considered for additional financial assistance. Once candidates are selected as semi-finalists, they will be granted a phone interview with a committee member. Documentation requirements can be found on the website. The scholarship designations are:

- **Bonnie Strangio Memorial**
- **Rosemary Quigley Memorial**
- **Jerry Cahill You Cannot Fail Distinction**
- **Lea Faraone Memorial**
- **Team Boomer Distinction**
- **Exemplary Graduate Student Distinction**
- **Paul Drury Memorial Scholarship** (for sibling or child of someone with CF)

**Deadline:** April 26, 2024

**Website:** [www.esiason.org/assistance/scholarships/](http://www.esiason.org/assistance/scholarships/)

### **Boomer Esiason Foundation "Sacks for CF Scholarship"**

The Sacks for CF Scholarship is related to quarterback sacks made during the NFL season. The undergraduate and graduate award is made annually to 30 people who strive for therapy adherence and academic success. For every sack recorded during NFL Monday Night Football games, the Sacks for CF Scholarship Program receives a donation from a Boomer Esiason Foundation corporate partner. Sacks for CF funds are awarded annually to 30 college students, based on their academic achievements and adherence to daily CF therapy.

**Deadline:** January 4, 2024

**Website:** [www.esiason.org/assistance/scholarships/sacks-for-cf-scholarship/](http://www.esiason.org/assistance/scholarships/sacks-for-cf-scholarship/)

### **AbbVie CF Scholarship for Higher Education:**

The AbbVie CF Scholarship recognizes exceptional students with Cystic Fibrosis who demonstrate academic excellence, community involvement, creativity, and the ability to serve as a positive role model for the Cystic Fibrosis community. Each year, AbbVie awards 40 scholars with **\$3,000** each. Two of these students (an undergraduate and a graduate) are then selected to receive a Thriving Student Scholarship, winning an additional **\$22,000** each.

**Deadline:** 2024 deadline to be announced (Spring 2024).

**Website:** [www.abbviecfscholarship.com/overview/](http://www.abbviecfscholarship.com/overview/)

### **Elizabeth Nash Foundation Scholarship Program**

The Elizabeth Nash Foundation Scholarship program is open to individuals with CF who are US citizens who are incoming or current undergraduate or graduate students at an accredited US-based college or university. In selecting applicants, the Elizabeth Nash Foundation Scholarship Committee takes into consideration each applicant's scholastic record, character, demonstrated leadership, service to CF-related causes and the broader community, and need for financial assistance.

**Deadline:** Applications for the 2024-2025 school year will be posted by February 1, 2024 and the deadline is April 2024. Due to the volume of applications, incomplete or late applications cannot be considered. Notifications of award status will be e-mailed in mid-June 2024.

**Website:** [www.elizabethnashfoundation.org/scholarships.html](http://www.elizabethnashfoundation.org/scholarships.html)

### **The Bonnell Foundation: Living with Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship**

This scholarship program is for undergraduate study only. Applicants must have received an acceptance letter from the college to which they intend to enroll. If selected as a recipient, students will receive **up to \$2500** as an award.

**Deadline:** Applications **open** January 2024.

**Website:** [www.thebonnellfoundation.org/scholarships/](http://www.thebonnellfoundation.org/scholarships/)

### **Jennifer Leigh Soper Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship**

This scholarship provides a non-renewable scholarship to a college-bound student with cystic fibrosis. Past recipients are eligible to reapply. The award amount varies each year.

**Deadline:** Applications open December 2, 2023 and are due on March 4, 2024 by 11:59 EST. Award notifications sent May 2024.

**Website:** [www.bgcf.org/scholarships/](http://www.bgcf.org/scholarships/)

### **The Susanna DeLaurentis Memorial Scholarship**

The Susanna DeLaurentis Memorial Scholarships are awarded each year to college-bound high school seniors with superior academic and extracurricular achievements who contend with a chronic disease or other serious challenge to physical or mental health. The scholarship is a **\$1,000** award, paid directly to the honoree's institution of higher learning.

**Deadline:** Applications must be received by the third Friday in April. Awards will be announced during the first week of May.

**Website:** [www.thesusannafoundation.org/scholarships/](http://www.thesusannafoundation.org/scholarships/)

### **Vertex Foundation Scholarship**

Scholarships are awarded to help people with cystic fibrosis (CF) and their immediate family members (siblings, caregivers, children and spouses) who are US/Canadian citizens to pursue collegiate two-year, four-year or graduate degrees. Scholarships are \$5,000.

**Deadline:** Applications for the 2024-2025 school year will become available in December 2023. Please visit the website for further details.

**Website:** [www.vertexfoundation.org/healthy-families](http://www.vertexfoundation.org/healthy-families)

### **Mandy Wagner Foundation**

Accepting applications for people with CF seeking further education in trade or technical school, certificate programs, community college, undergraduate/graduate programs, and doctorate programs. The MWF meets several times annually to select recipients of the scholarships for the upcoming academic year. Denominations are provided in **\$500** and **\$1,000** amounts to award as many recipients as possible. There is no limit on the number of years a person may apply.

**Deadline:** Check website for update in December 2023. Previous deadline was in May.

**Website:** <https://www.mandywagnerfoundation.org/apply-now>

### **Andrew W. Eve Memorial Scholarship**

Any person with CF is eligible to submit an application for an award of **\$1,000** from the Andrew W. Eve Memorial Scholarship. To be considered for an award, the applicant must attend an accredited college, with a major course of study in one of the following public safety curricula:

- Communications
- Fire Science
- Criminal Justice
- Emergency Medicine
- Police Science

**Website:** <https://cffamilyconnection.org/programs/andrew-w-eve-memorial-scholarship/>

### **US Adult Cystic Fibrosis Association (USACFA)**

USACFA offers three scholarships for people with CF who are seeking artistic and/or educational degrees. These scholarships are paid to the bursar's office at the winner's institution and covers any costs paid through that office. You will not receive more than one scholarship per academic year, but you may apply for more than one scholarship in an academic year.

- **Higher Education Scholarship in Memory of Lauren Melissa Kelly**

The academic scholarships of up to **\$2500** are awarded to two adults with cystic fibrosis who are pursuing career certifications, associates, and bachelor and graduate degrees.

**Deadline:** June 30, 2024

- **Scholarship for the Arts in Memory of Helen M. Eisenman**

This scholarship will award two deserving students **\$5,000** each towards their tuition in their respective field of the arts: fine arts, computer graphics, design, music, choral, photography, filmmaking, creative writing, and poetry, to name a few. It is open to anyone seeking a degree, from an associate to a doctoral degree in the creative arts.

**Deadline:** May 30, 2024

- **The William Coon, Jr. Scholarship**

This scholarship will award 20 scholarships, valued at \$2,500 each. Four scholarships will be awarded per academic year for five consecutive years. Any student with CF seeking a degree in any of the following is welcome to apply: business, economics, communications, political science, information, project management, finance, accounting, public administration, or marketing.

**Deadline:** April 30, 2024

**Website (for all three USACFA scholarships):** [www.cfroundtable.com/scholarships](http://www.cfroundtable.com/scholarships)

### **Dylan's Dream Scholarship**

Scholarships for those diagnosed with CF who are accepted to a college/university or trade/vocational school **in FL, GA, SC, NC, AL, TN** for the upcoming semester. Student must be in good academic standing (not on academic warning/probation) with a GPA of 2.0 or higher at time of application. Scholarships are awarded in amounts up to **\$2500** and you must apply each semester. Scholarships are based on financial need. Application can be submitted online, or via paper application sent by mail.

**Deadline:** July for fall semester and November for the spring semester

**Website:** [www.dylansdream.org/apply-for-scholarship/](http://www.dylansdream.org/apply-for-scholarship/)

### **Patient Advocate Foundation's Survivor Scholarship**

Undergraduate students must be under age 25, a full-time student, and have been treated for cancer or chronic illness in the past 5 years. The undergraduate award is \$3,000 per academic year, or total of \$12,000. Graduate students must have been treated for cancer or chronic illness in the past 10 years. The graduate award is \$3,000 per academic year, or total of \$6,000. Application requires an essay, letters of recommendations, financial information, letter of acceptance from college/university, academic transcript, and physician certification form. Scholarship recipients must agree to complete 20 hours of community service and maintain certain GPA. See website for more details.

**Deadline:** March 8, 2024

**Website:** [www.patientadvocate.org/connect-with-services/apply-for-a-scholarship/](http://www.patientadvocate.org/connect-with-services/apply-for-a-scholarship/)

### **Coach-Ed Academic Scholarship**

Coach-Ed provides academic scholarships of up to \$1,000 per semester/\$2,000 per academic year to qualified students with cystic fibrosis to attend accredited four-year college programs. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, but must be received at least 2 months prior to the beginning of the next semester. Scholarships may be renewed, but students must reapply each academic year and must provide transcripts. Interested applicants [the students themselves] should contact [vlangloss@coach-ed.org](mailto:vlangloss@coach-ed.org).

**Deadline:** Rolling; 2 Months prior to Fall and Spring Semesters

**Website:** [www.coach-ed.org/programs](http://www.coach-ed.org/programs); For more information on scholarships or for specific questions about this program, please email Virginia at [vlangloss@coach-ed.org](mailto:vlangloss@coach-ed.org).

### **Bowman Brothers Trade Scholarship**

This scholarship opportunity is open to adults (18+) living with cystic fibrosis who will be attending a trade school. Five \$5,000 Trade School Scholarships were awarded in 2023. People must complete the application found on the website. The finalists will be reviewed by the ROCK CF Committee on need financially and the application essay. Finalists will complete a phone interview as a follow-up to their essay.

**Deadline:** Check website for updates.

**Website:** <https://letsrockcf.org/bowman-brothers-trade-scholarship>

### **RAREis Scholarship Fund**

EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases established the #RAREis Scholarship Fund – to enrich the lives of adults living with rare diseases by providing support for their educational pursuits. One-time awards of \$5,000 each will be granted for the Fall semester. Applicants must be 17yo or older, living in the US, with a plan to enroll full-time or part-time in undergraduate or graduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical/trade school for the Fall semester. There is no minimum amount of credit hours to be part-time. Students do not need to be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

**Deadline:** Applications open in Spring 2024. Check website for updates.

**Website:** <https://everylifefoundation.org/rare-scholarship/>

## **General Scholarship/Grant Resources**

Just as you are more than your CF, there are many more scholarship and grant opportunities available. Some examples include those based on income, GPA, area of study, or geography. Look at some of these tips for identifying additional resources:

- Check with your **high school guidance** counselor and/or your **college/university**.
- Look at **local foundations/organizations** that may offer scholarships to students in your community, such as your local Rotary Club or Knights of Columbus.
- There are many **scholarship search platforms** available online. We have included several here – this is not an exhaustive list:
  - FastWeb: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
  - College Board Scholarship Directory: [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-directory](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-directory)
  - Scholarships.com: [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
  - Finaid: [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- Search for scholarships or grants that may apply to **another part of your identity**:
  - For example, Scholarships.com has lists of scholarships for Hispanic and Latino students, First in Family [to attend college], Leadership, Community Service, etc. [www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/](http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/)
  - UNCF is the nation’s largest private scholarship provider to Black, African-American and African students attending historically black colleges and universities (HBCU’s): [www.uncf.org/scholarships](http://www.uncf.org/scholarships)
  - Human Rights Campaign’s LGBTQ+ Student Scholarship Database for LGBTQ+ and allied students at both the undergraduate and graduate level: [www.hrc.org/resources/scholarships](http://www.hrc.org/resources/scholarships)

## **Scholarships/Grants by State (New England)**

- Massachusetts Office of State Financial Aid Program: [www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/programs.asp](http://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/programs.asp)
- Maine Community Foundation: [www.mainecef.org/find-a-scholarship/](http://www.mainecef.org/find-a-scholarship/)
- Finance Authority of Maine (FAME): [www.famemaine.com/affording-education/pay-for-school/maine-scholarship-search/](http://www.famemaine.com/affording-education/pay-for-school/maine-scholarship-search/)
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation: [www.nhcf.org/how-can-we-help-you/apply-for-a-scholarship/](http://www.nhcf.org/how-can-we-help-you/apply-for-a-scholarship/)
- Rhode Island Foundation: [www.rifoundation.org/grants-scholarships/browse-scholarships](http://www.rifoundation.org/grants-scholarships/browse-scholarships)
- If your state is not listed here, you can search for your own state’s resources online.