

Dr. Eileen Gillan Honorary Scholarship 2023 Application



PURPOSE AND AWARD

The REACH for the STARS Pediatric Cancer Survivorship Program at Connecticut Children's is dedicated to creating unique programs and tools that enable pediatric cancer survivors to reach beyond the boundaries of their diagnosis and fulfilling their ambitions while maintaining a high quality of life. The Dr. Eileen Gillan Honorary Scholarship is a one-time scholarship of \$2,500 awarded to one recipient each year. Additionally, two one-time \$500 scholarships will be awarded to the runner-ups.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS - *Previous RFTS scholarship awardees are not eligible to apply.*

Applicants must be:

- A graduating, high school senior in good standing
- A pediatric cancer survivor (A patient is considered a survivor from the day of diagnosis)
- Receiving/have received treatment from Connecticut Children's Division of Hematology/Oncology
- Seeking an associate's or undergraduate degree, or a trade school educational program certificate
- Enrolled in/awaiting acceptance from an institution of higher education for fall semester of 2023
- An individual who demonstrates academic ambition and embraces a way of life that overcomes the obstacles of living with a cancer diagnosis

THE SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS AND PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Selection of the recipient will be at the discretion of the scholarship selection committee. The recipient will be notified and the scholarship and certificate will be mailed to the recipient's home address. The scholarship check will be made payable to the survivor for use covering college expenses.

PROCEDURES

To apply, submit a completed application **postmarked by April 15th, 2023.**

- The application will need to be completed by the student
- Selection will be based on submission of a completed application, which includes the following sections:
 - 1) Student applicant information
 - 2) Health
 - 3) Academics
 - 4) Additional documents to be provided:
 - a) A copy of your academic transcript
 - b) A recent photograph (School Photo or similar portrait style)
 - c) A two-page essay describing a major personal experience, achievement, risk or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you
 - d) One letter of recommendation from a non-family member
 - e) W-9 Form and New/Change Vendor Form with applicant's information (to expedite check request process)

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SECTION 1. STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Home Address (No P.O. Boxes): _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Please check one: Male Female
Tel: _____ Cell: _____
E-mail Address: _____

SECTION 2. HEALTH

Diagnosis Date: _____ Diagnosis: _____
Treatment Received: _____ Treatment Dates: ___/___/___ to ___/___/___
Oncology Doctor at Connecticut Children's: _____
Oncology Nurse at Connecticut Children's: _____
Primary Care Physicians Name: _____
Name of Practice (if different from name above): _____
Office Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

SECTION 3. ACADEMICS

School Information (plans for Fall 2023):

Name of College/Vocational School: _____
School Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

What type of degree are you pursuing? Associate's Undergraduate Trade School

What will your area of study be in the fall semester of 2023?: _____

Career Aspirations:

Academic Honors/Achievements/Clubs and Community Service:

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SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT APPLICANT

- A copy of your academic transcript
- A recent photograph (School Photo or similar portrait style)
 - Mail with application
- A double-spaced, two-page essay about a major personal experience, achievement, risk or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you
- (1) Letter of recommendation that expresses the following (please no family members or Connecticut Children's care providers):
 - Nature and length of your relationship with the applicant
 - Impact of cancer diagnosis on the applicant's life
 - Applicant's unique qualities that demonstrate how he/she overcomes the limitations of living with their diagnosis
- W-9 Form

SECTION 5. APPLICANT CONSENT

By signing below, the applicant authorizes Connecticut Children's to publish, copyright, and use the information contained in this application, including photographs, in advertising and other promotional materials without prior approval, including display on the internet. The applicant also authorizes Connecticut Children's to contact him/her directly. Connecticut Children's is authorized to share the applicant's information and individual story with the media. Recipients may be called upon to share their stories with the media (print, radio or television), either by phone or in person, about their scholarship award and being a survivor. The selection of recipients will be at the sole discretion of the RFTS Program Director and the scholarship selection committee. The recipient will be notified by **May 1, 2023**, with a personal telephone call from Connecticut Children's. The scholarship check will be made payable to the survivor and mailed in mid-May 2023.

To be signed if applicant is 18 years of age or older:

I confirm that I am 18 years of age or older and that I meet the eligibility requirements for the 2023 RFTS Scholarship. I understand and agree to the conditions under which I am entering my application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be signed if applicant is less than 18 years old:

I acknowledge that I am the parent or legal guardian of the applicant and confirm that they meet eligibility requirements for the 2023 RFTS Scholarship. I understand and agree to the conditions under which he/she is entering his/her application.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Questions may be directed to:

Jamie Batson and Michelle Donovan

Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

ReachForTheStars@connecticutchildrens.org

Please mail completed application (essay, letters of recommendation, photo, and transcripts)

Postmarked by 4/15/2023 to:

Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

Attn: Jamie Batson – Dr. Eileen Gillan Scholarship

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