



Susan G. Komen for the Cure Scholarship Program

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Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria to be eligible for this scholarship:

- Must have lost a parent or guardian to breast cancer or be a breast cancer survivor diagnosed at 25 years or younger
- Must be a high school senior, college freshman, sophomore or junior
- Must plan to attend a state-supported college or university in the state where they permanently reside (students in Washington DC can attend state-supported schools in Maryland and Virginia)
- Must have at least a high school and /or college GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale
- Must be no older than 25 years old by May 2013
- Must be a U.S. citizen, or documented permanent resident of the U.S. (or US Territory)
- Never at any time have been subject to any disciplinary action by any institution or entity, including, but not limited to, any educational or law enforcement agency

When is the deadline?

October 15, 2012

What are the details of the award?

- The scholarship is a renewable award of \$5000 per semester.
- It is renewable for up to 4 years to complete undergraduate studies.
- The scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course load.
- Institutions must be accredited, nonprofit two or four-year colleges/universities in the United States.
- A student may make a one-time transfer from one institution to another and retain the award.

What are the selection criteria?

- An independent selection committee will evaluate the applications and select the winners.
- The committee will consider:
 - Applicants' financial need
 - Community involvement
 - Essay content
 - Letters of reference
 - Academic achievements or records
 - College GPA is also considered if the applicant is already enrolled in an institution

Decisions of the selection committees are final and are not subject to appeal. No application feedback will be given.

I have several potential school choices. Which one should I list on the application?

You should list your first choice on the application. If you are chosen to receive an award, it will be your responsibility to make certain ISTS is aware of your final school choice so that your check can be issued accordingly. Please remember you must attend a school in the state where you permanently reside to be eligible to receive this award.

How and when will I receive notification?

- Notifications are sent approximately two months past the deadline.
- Winner notifications will be sent via USPS.
- Non-winner notifications will be sent by email.
- Add info@applyists.com to your email address book or “safe senders list” so these important emails are not sent to your junk mail folder.
- **Do not ‘opt out’ of any email sent from info@applyists.com you may not receive vital information regarding your scholarship applications.**

What are my responsibilities if I am chosen as a recipient?

- You must enroll as a full time undergraduate in the fall of the year in which the scholarships are awarded.
- You must continue in school the entire academic year without interruption unless approved by scholarship sponsor.
- You must deliver your scholarship check(s) to the proper office at your institution.
- You must attend the Affiliate Leadership Conference, February 28 – March 2, 2012 in Dallas, TX.
- You must complete at least 20 hours of volunteer activities through your local Komen Affiliate if you reside within the service area (otherwise, alternate organizations will be considered) each semester.

How and when are checks issued?

- Checks will be mailed to each recipient’s mailing address as entered on the application.
- Checks will be made payable to the institution only.
- Checks will be issued in August and December.
- It is the recipient’s responsibility to notify ISTS should the check not arrive within 30 days of the issue date.

Note: Your email address will only be used to communicate with you about your scholarship applications or other opportunities administered by ISTS for which you may be eligible to apply. We will not provide your email address to any third-parties.

Where and when should I send my supporting documents?

- Upload your required documents online. If you do not follow the instructions exactly your application may not be considered. ***Please note that ALL documents must be in PDF format. Other file types will not be accepted.***
- Your submission must be complete by October 15, 2012.

Are scholarships taxable?

Tax laws vary by country. In the United States, scholarship funds used exclusively for the payment of tuition or textbooks are normally not taxable. The scholarship recipient is responsible for taxes, if any, that may be assessed against your scholarship award. We recommend consulting your tax advisor for more guidance.

Program Administration

To assure complete impartiality in selection of winners and to maintain a high level of professionalism, the program is administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc., a firm that specializes in managing sponsored scholarship programs.

Questions

For additional information regarding the scholarship program contact ISTS by email at contactus@applyists.com . When emailing please reference the Susan G. Komen for the Cure College Scholarship Program.