



Award for Collegiate Education Scholarship

# The Shire ACES Scholarship Program

Recognizing academic achievement in the rare disease community

If you expect to graduate high school, obtain your GED credentials by July 2019 or are a current undergraduate college student, and have a rare disease listed below, Shire invites you to apply for the Shire ACES Scholarship Program.

## Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, you must meet all of the criteria below:

- Have a high school diploma, expect to graduate high school, or be a GED credential recipient by July 2019.
- Be diagnosed with a rare disease listed below:
  - Alagille syndrome
  - Acute antibody mediated rejection
  - Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy
  - CMV in transplant patients
  - Congenital alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency
  - Eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE)
  - Fabry disease
  - Gaucher disease
  - Hereditary angioedema
  - Hypoparathyroidism
  - MPS II (Hunter syndrome)
  - Primary Immunodeficiency
  - Progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis
  - Short bowel syndrome
  - Status epilepticus



- Be planning to enroll in the next 12 months, or currently enrolled in a US college or university (undergraduate) or US vocational school
- Be either a US citizen or legal and permanent resident of the US
- Not be a Shire employee or an immediate family member of a Shire employee

## Scholarship Value

Three \$5000 scholarships will be awarded for a single year. Each award may be renewed for up to 3 additional years, for a total award value of \$20,000, provided the award recipient is in good academic standing. The award will be paid directly to an accredited US college, university (undergraduate), or US vocational school.

## How to Apply

You can choose to complete the application process either online or by mail. Your submitted application materials will be reviewed by Scholarship Managers (a division of Career Opportunities Through Education, Inc.), a third party working independently of Shire. Scholarship Managers administers the program, evaluates applications, and selects the award recipients. The award recipients will be selected based on evidence of academic achievement and demonstrated ability to overcome challenges presented by a rare disease. Follow the steps below to apply.

1. Visit [www.ShireACES.com](http://www.ShireACES.com) to fill out the application between January 15th and March 15th 2019.
2. Write a personal statement (maximum of 1000 words) discussing how you have overcome a barrier or challenge presented by living with a rare disease, or had a chance to shine despite these challenges.
3. Obtain a transcript (an unofficial transcript will be accepted) or a copy of your high school (and college, if applicable) grades.
4. Obtain a written recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or college professor.
5. Obtain a signed letter from your treating physician verifying your applicable rare disease diagnosis. Diagnosis information will be kept confidential for all applications. Your treating physician should include his or her NPI number. The NPI is a unique 10-digit identification number issued to health care providers in the United States by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). To qualify for the award, you will need to provide appropriate permission for Shire and Scholarship Managers to confirm your diagnosis with your treating physician.
6. Write an optional impact statement (300 words or less) describing any disease related complications that have caused you to miss school, work, or participation in extracurricular activities.
7. Submit these materials online at [www.ShireACES.com](http://www.ShireACES.com), or mail printed copies of these materials in a single envelope to:

ACES Scholarship Program  
Scholarship Managers  
PO Box 2810  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

The deadline for application materials to be submitted online is March 15, 2019. If you are mailing your application materials, the envelope must be post-marked no later than March 15, 2019. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

## Award Notification

All applicants will be notified after April 1, 2019, about the results of the selection process. If you are awarded one of the scholarships, you must reply by email to Scholarship Managers to accept the scholarship within 30 days of being notified, or your award will be forfeited. If you accept the scholarship, payment will be made in the form of a check payable to the college or institution in which you are enrolled. Award recipients will have the option to participate in publicity about the scholarship; publicity details will be outlined at the time of notification.

## Additional Program Disclosures

- Shire reserves the right to change, discontinue, or cancel this program at any time without notice.
- It is not required for applicants to be taking any Shire product; this is not a consideration in the selection of the award recipient.
- The program is open only to US citizens or legal and permanent residents of the US.
- Applicants are solely responsible for submitting all required application materials by March 15, 2019.
- Each applicant selected to receive the award must notify Scholarship Managers by email of their acceptance within 30 days of being selected, or their award will be forfeited.
- Questions about the program may be directed to Scholarship Managers by calling (856) 616-9311 or by emailing [scholarshipmanagers@scholarshipmanagers.com](mailto:scholarshipmanagers@scholarshipmanagers.com).
- Void where prohibited by law. Contest is subject to all federal, state, and local laws. Subject to Official Rules which can be found at <http://www.ShireAces.com/eligibility>. Sponsored by Shire, 300 Shire Way, Lexington, MA 02421.

