



*CANDLELIGHTERS*  
*Childhood Cancer Family Alliance*

*SCHOLARSHIP FUND*  
*For Young people with a history of cancer*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Encourage young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who have a history of childhood cancer (diagnosed prior to the age of 18) to pursue an education/career goal.

**OBJECTIVE**

The scholarship has been designed to be available to individuals who have a history of childhood cancer and who have received treatment either at The Children's Cancer Hospital at U.T. M.D. Anderson Cancer Center or Texas Children's Cancer Center.

The scholarship funds shall be granted for undergraduate study or vocational school (junior college, college, university, vocational school) and used specifically for tuition, room and board, books, and educational support (tutors, supplies). Graduate school students are not eligible.

The applicant may be from outside the United States; however, the institution of higher learning must be within the United States.

The Scholarship Committee and Candlelighters Board of Directors will determine the number of scholarships and amounts annually. Scholarship recipients may reapply for additional years of support but preference may be given to first time applicants.

**2012 APPLICATION CRITERIA**

- Diagnosed with cancer before age 18 and treated at The Children's Cancer Hospital at U.T. M.D. Anderson Cancer Center or Texas Children's Cancer Center in Houston.
- Applicant must be a registered Candlelighters family.
- Applicant between the ages of 16 and 24.
- Diploma from an accredited high school or a GED.
- Acceptance and attendance to a U. S. college for undergraduate study or vocational program, which has appropriate accreditation, by the September following the May submission of an application. Official Fall Registration forms are due to the Candlelighters office by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Enrolled for at least nine hours per semester.
- Attainment of a grade point average of 2.0. (If a student receives a failing grade, but still maintains a GPA of 2.0, this is acceptable.)
- A completed application.
- Two letters of recommendation. (Letters of recommendation must be written in the year of application, signed and dated.)
- Two scholarship essays.
- Possible Interview.

**DEADLINE**

The application and all other required information and documents are due by **5:00 pm, May 1**. Please send all documents to:

Candlelighters Scholarship Fund  
8323 Southwest Freeway, Ste. 435  
Houston, TX 77074

For more information call 713-270-4700, email [ehaines@candle.org](mailto:ehaines@candle.org) or visit us at [www.candle.org](http://www.candle.org)



**Places of treatment: (Applicants must have been treated at The Children's Cancer Hospital at U.T. M.D. Anderson Cancer Center or Texas Children's Cancer Center in Houston to be eligible):**

**Name and address of current or last school attended:**

**High School Cumulative Grade Point Average (please also indicate your high school GPA scale):**

**College Grade Point Average if enrolled in college (please also indicate your college GPA scale):**

**Name and address of college, university or vocational institution you plan to attend. (Vocational school applicants should include a formal description of the type of school you plan to attend and the expected degree or certification):**

**Will you receive any financial assistance during the school year?**

1. If so, how much?
2. From where?
3. Please indicate the extent of your financial need (extreme, moderate, some). Please explain further.

**List special achievements, honors, activities, community service and awards you have received or accomplished.**

**Employment History:**

**Course(s) you plan to take for which these scholarship funds will be used and your chosen major if you have one:**

**Degree, certification, or skill you will gain from taking the course(s):**

Please complete on separate typewritten sheets your responses to the following questions in essay form. **Use no more than one sheet for each question**, and set font style and size to Times New Roman 12. You can also email essays and application to [ehaines@candle.org](mailto:ehaines@candle.org) however, we must also receive an original signed copy of all submissions.

**Questions for *First Time Applicants*:**

1. Please describe your academic and/or career goals and why you have chosen to pursue those goals. Also, include how this scholarship will help you obtain these goals.
2. List one event in your life that has had a significant positive effect on you and the reasons why you feel this event was important.

**Questions for *previous Candlelighters Scholarship Applicants and Recipients* (please do not submit previous Candlelighters scholarship essays):**

1. Please tell us how Candlelighters has impacted your life.
2. How has the cancer experience affected your life?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two current letters of recommendation (letters of recommendation must be written in the year of application, signed and dated)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two scholarship essays (guidelines listed above)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Contract of Understanding
- \_\_\_\_\_ A recent 4 x 6 head shot – digital photo can be emailed to [ehaines@candle.org](mailto:ehaines@candle.org)

Send completed application and the two letters to (May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline):

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To those awarded a scholarship, proof of registration and reports cards should be sent to the address above.

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**2012 CONTRACT OF UNDERSTANDING.**

To ensure that our scholarship recipients understand the importance of meeting the requirements of this scholarship, we have developed this Contract of Understanding. By signing below, you are acknowledging that if you fail to meet the requirements, you will be eliminated from the scholarship program for the remainder of the school year. (Note: Elimination from the program does not keep you from applying for a scholarship at a later date.)

Please read the conditions below and understand that for us to be fair to all recipients, no exceptions will be made. Sign and return to:

Candlelighters  
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Houston, TX 77074

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The applicant must have been diagnosed with childhood cancer prior to the age of 18, and currently between the ages of 16 and 24. **Completed applications must be received on or before May 1st at 5:00 p.m.** to be eligible for consideration. **Applicants must have been treated at The Children's Cancer Hospital at U.T M.D. Anderson Cancer Center or Texas Children's Cancer Center in Houston to be eligible.**

**Scholarship winners may have their essays and photos edited and printed in the Candlelighters' quarterly newsletter.**

It is understood that I will continue to receive funds for the scholarship year if I:

- ✚ remain enrolled in the school for which I was given this scholarship, unless the Candlelighters organization approves a change
- ✚ register for a minimum of 18 hours per year (9 per semester) (or full-time for vocational school) for the scholarship year, unless approved by Candlelighters
- ✚ achieve a 2.0 grade point average (or the equivalent in a vocational school) for the fall semester submit proof of registration (official school registration with courses listed) before the scholarship funds are given for the Fall semester. Official Fall Registration forms are due to the Candlelighters office by October 1st.
- ✚ submit official report card to Candlelighters after Fall semester

In addition, I understand that my scholarship may be withdrawn if I:

- ✚ attend a school not indicated on my application
- ✚ fail to inform Candlelighters of address or phone number changes or supply an alternative means of contact, such as FAX, e-mail

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Scholarship Recipient Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name