

LUPUS FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA 'LFSA' STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

The Lupus Foundation of Southern Arizona 'LFSA' scholarship program is available to assist residents of Southern Arizona impacted by Lupus who want to pursue a higher level education. This includes: Southern Arizona two-year or four-year College, or a vocational or technical institution. Candidates must be directly/indirectly affected by Lupus which currently impedes their ability to pursue a higher academic education/technical or vocational career. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

LFSA candidates must meet all criteria, showing incapability to further their education without financial assistance. The LFSA Scholarship Award's eligibility is for a maximum of two (2) years and provides a maximum of \$1000 per semester OR a maximum of \$2000 per year to be paid directly to a qualified institution. Each chosen candidate must carry a minimum 3.0 GPA to maintain eligibility for each concurrent semester for the duration of the scholarship program.

Scholarship recipients are asked to volunteer their time during the school year for which they have been funded. Volunteer requirements must be one or more of the following:

Volunteer Hours for a minimum of 10 hours per semester.

Volunteer responsibilities may include: office work, walk committee, golf committee, volunteer at a fundraising event, health fair coverage, brochure/flyer delivery, walk team raising (at minimum) \$200

LFSA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

Must be high school senior or graduate, who plans to enroll in undergraduate study at an accredited vocational-technical school or a two- or four-year college for the entire upcoming academic year or duration of vocational study. Must be in good academic standing with previous academic institution,

OR

Must be in good standing with your current employer, seeking undergraduate/graduate study at an accredited vocational or technical school, or two- or four-year college for the upcoming academic year. Must either be a diagnosed Lupus patient. Treating physician verification required

OR

Must be financially dependent on a parent/caregiver that is a diagnosed Lupus patient - Treating physician verification of Lupus diagnosis for financial caregiver required. Other documents may be requests to prove financial hardship.

Must show proof of residence in the State of Arizona, counties of Pima, Santa Cruz, Cochise and Pinal as we serve the Southern Arizona Lupus community.

Must fill out the application in its entirety. Any overlooked questions will result in a non-review of the application.

Must write a 500 word thesis based on attached parameters for review by the LFSA Scholarship Award committee.

LFSA AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the candidate will be rewarded up to \$1500 per semester if attending a two- or four-year program, or a maximum of \$3000 per annum if attending a vocational or technical school. Awards are for the cost of tuition and books only. Annual awards are not renewable, but students may reapply to the program each year for the maximum two-year eligibility. Awards will cease if a GPA of 3.0 is not maintained during each consecutive semester of study.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete an application, write a thesis, and mail/email to LFSA. All applicable college transcripts must be either sealed or mailed directly from the academic institution to LFSA – Attention Scholarship Program. Grade reports are not acceptable. All online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their application. If not notified within three weeks, please contact LFSA. Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship award recipients are selected on the basis of personal or family circumstances regarding Lupus and relative financial need therein, academic record, demonstrated leadership, participation in school and community, work experience, and statement of goals and aspirations. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final. Applicants may be asked to meet with the LFSA Scholarship Selection Committee for a personal interview.

REVISIONS

LFSA reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship awards program should be addressed to:

Lupus Foundation of Southern Arizona
Attention: Scholarship Program
4602 East Grant Road
Tucson, Arizona 85712
520-622-9006