

TOPP's Higher Education Scholarship Application Packet

Information and Eligibility

Scholarship's Objective: To support students with type 1 diabetes by providing scholarships as they start their higher education at college or trade school.

Details:

- Four (4) students will be given a \$500 one-time award
- Scholarships are not based on financial need
- The 2025 Scholarship application window will open March 1st, 2025 and end on June 30th, 2025
- The application must be completed by the student who is applying for the scholarship (not a parent)

Eligibility/Requirements for TOPP's 2025 College Scholarships:

- Applicant must have Type 1 Diabetes
- Applicant must in the 2025 high school graduating class (must provide a copy of your high school diploma and/or transcript after graduation)
- Applicant must be seeking higher education at a U.S. accredited four-year university, college, technical or trade school in the United States. Applicant must provide proof of admittance
- Applicant must be an U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Applicant must be Pennsylvania resident and live in Bucks County, Montgomery County, or Philadelphia County, PA. (Include a copy of either PA driver license or US passport)
- Applicant must complete and submit the application packet and provide all the necessary documents
- Applicant must email a minimum of 2 high quality photographs (in JPEG or PNG format) to use on our social media accounts to christine@toppfund.org. One in your cap and gown and one casual picture.

Award Notification:

- The recipients of the 2025 scholarships will be notified via email no later than July 31st, 2025. Those applicants not selected will not receive any other notification.
- Scholarship recipients are selected based on the information shared on their application. Prior to the announcement, we may contact finalists with additional questions about their application.
- The scholarship winners are required to provide a photo of themselves that may be used on TOPP Foundation's social media accounts and website.
- The scholarship winners will be announced on TOPP Foundation's website and social media accounts.
- Before we award the scholarship, the winner will be required to confirm their academic enrollment status. Depending on the circumstances, verification of Student ID and/or their most recent transcript may be required.
- Upon verification that the winners are registered to an accredited four-year university, college, technical or trade school, the award check will be paid directly the financial aid office of the winner's academic institution to be applied to their tuition.

Disclaimer:

- TOPP reserves the right to grant or deny any application of need at any time, for any reason, and to supplement or amend application information requests at any time, for any reason. TOPP does not and shall not discriminate based on race, color, religion (creed), gender, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status in any of its activities, operations, or donations. With permission, TOPP will share information about scholarship winners (i.e., name, photo, essay) but shall not share or supply an applicant's personal information.

Print out this application packet and submit the completed application, signed official rules form and signed photo release form, your essay, and the required documents by mail to the following address OR email all completed forms to christine@toppfund.org. Applications must be received by June 30th, 2025.

**TOPP Foundation
RE: TOPP's Higher Education Scholarship Program
P.O. Box 622
Furlong, PA 18925**

Please email Christine at christine@toppfund.org with any questions.



TOPP Foundation's Higher Education Scholarship

Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ *City State ZIP Code*

Phone: _____ Email _____

Date of birth: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO

Do you live in Pennsylvania? YES NO

Do you live in Bucks County, Montgomery County or Philadelphia County, PA? YES NO

High School Information

High School: _____ Address: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Higher Education Information

Name: _____ Start Date: _____

Address: _____ Major (if decided): _____

Type 1 Diabetes Information

Endocrinologist: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Date of diagnosis: _____ Age at Diagnosis: _____

Community Service Information

Please describe any contribution you have made to your community through community service during the last four years:

Essay

Please submit on a separate piece of paper an essay on one of the following prompts (essay should be 200 to 300 words):

- How has living with type 1 diabetes shaped your character and influenced your goals for higher education?
- Reflect on a challenge you've faced while managing type 1 diabetes and explain how overcoming it has prepared you for success in higher education and beyond.
- If you could give your younger self advice about having T1D, what would you say?
- What is a positive lesson that living with type 1 diabetes has taught you, and how will you apply it to your future endeavors?

Application Documents

Please submit the application packet and include these items to be considered for a scholarship award:

1. Your completed and signed application (pages 2-3 of this packet)
2. Your essay on a separate piece of paper
3. Signed official scholarship rules form (page 4 of this packet)
4. Signed photo release form (page 5 of this packet)
5. A copy of your driver's license or passport for proof of address
6. A copy of your high school diploma or high school transcript
7. Proof of admittance to the college or trade school you will be attending
8. A minimum of two high quality photographs (in JPEG or PNG format) to use on our social media accounts. One in your cap and gown and a casual photo of you (example; in your college T-shirt).

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that false or misleading information in my application will result in disqualification.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TOPP Foundation's Higher Education Scholarship Official Scholarship Rules

By applying for a scholarship, you agree to be bound by these Official Scholarship Rules, and you understand that any violation of these Official Rules shall result in your disqualification from the scholarship.

TOPP Foundation reserves the right to amend or discontinue scholarships and these Official Scholarship Rules at any time in its sole discretion.

Eligibility. You may apply for a scholarship only if you meet the eligibility requirements. Additionally, scholarships are non-transferable and will only be paid directly to academic institutions inside the United States.

Application. No purchase or payment is necessary to apply for scholarships. Applicants must meet the scholarship's eligibility requirements, submit a complete application to TOPP Foundation by the application deadline, and agree to be bound by these Official Scholarship Rules. TOPP expressly reserves the right to disqualify any applicant and/or applications that are inaccurate or incomplete.

Selection. TOPP Foundation board members will review accepted scholarship applications. All decisions regarding the scholarship, including without limitation the selection of the winners, shall be final and binding in all respects. TOPP reserves the right not to award a scholarship if, in its sole discretion, it does not receive any qualified applications.

Notification. Scholarship recipients will be notified via the contact information provided on the application. Scholarship recipients may be subject to verification of eligibility. TOPP is not under any obligation to verify any of the information that you provide, and you hereby warrant that all information that you provide in your application and otherwise in connection with the scholarship is complete and accurate. If a potential winner does not supply the required verification within the time specified, the award will be forfeited and may be given to an alternate recipient at TOPP's sole discretion.

Awarding. After successful notification of a scholarship award and after receiving proof of enrollment, TOPP will provide payment of the award to the scholarship winner's accredited academic institution to be applied towards tuition. No scholarship monies will be paid directly to the winner.

General Terms. Scholarship recipients agree to provide a picture(s) of themselves and agree to allow TOPP to use information from the application (e.g., name, essay) on TOPP's website and social media accounts. Scholarship recipients, by acceptance of their award, agree to release TOPP, its representatives, agents, contractors, assigns, advertisers, officers, and directors from all liability, loss, damage, cost, claim arising out of their participation in the scholarship. TOPP reserves the right to modify or terminate scholarships at any time for any reason in its sole discretion, with or without notice. The scholarship winner is solely responsible for any state or federal tax liability in association with acceptance of a scholarship. If any provision of the terms and conditions of a scholarship or these Official Scholarship Rules shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. TOPP Foundation is not affiliated with, sponsored by, or endorsed by any academic institution.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above scholarship rules. If you do not agree to these Official Scholarship Rules, you may not apply for, nor accept, a scholarship from TOPP Foundation.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent or guardian if applicant is under 18 years of age

Date

TOPP Foundation's Higher Education Scholarship 2025 Photo Release Form

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the undersigned, agree as follows:

1. I agree to be photographed, recorded (graphically, verbally, and in written format) and videotaped by TOPP Foundation and its agents ("TOPP") in connection with the TOPP Foundation Higher Education Scholarship, if awarded.
2. I hereby irrevocably authorize TOPP and its affiliates to copyright, publish, use on social media and website, reproduce, exhibit, transmit, broadcast, televise, digitize, display, otherwise use, and permit others to use, (a) my name, image, likeness, and voice, (b) all photographs, recordings, videotapes, audiovisual materials, writings, statements, and quotations of or by myself, in any manner, form, or format whatsoever now or hereinafter created, including on the Internet, and for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising or promotion of TOPP, its affiliates, or their services, without further consent form or payment to me.
3. It is understood that all the Materials, and all films, audiotapes, videotapes, reproductions, media, plates, negatives, photocopies, and electronic and digital copies of the Materials, are the sole property of TOPP. I agree not to contest the rights or authority granted to TOPP hereunder. I hereby forever release and discharge TOPP, its employees, licensees, agents, successors, and assigns from any claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs, or demands whatsoever arising by reason of defamation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, copyright infringement, or any other personal or property rights from or related to any use of the Materials. I understand that TOPP is under no obligation to use the Materials.
4. This document contains the entire agreement between TOPP Foundation and the undersigned concerning the subject matter hereof.

By signing this form, I attest to being 18 years old or older.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Signature of parent or guardian if applicant is under 18 years of age

Date