TOPP's Higher Education Scholarship Application Packet

Scholarship Objective

To support and recognize the strength and resilience of students with type 1 diabetes as they take their next big step into higher education.

Scholarship Details

- **$500 one-time award**
- Not based on financial need
- **You** must complete the application (not a parent)

Eligibility Requirements (2026 Scholarships)

To apply, you must:

- Have **Type 1 Diabetes**
- Be graduating high school in **2026**
  - Submit your diploma and/or transcript after graduation
- Be admitted to a **U.S. accredited** four-year university, college, technical, or trade school
  - Provide proof of admission
- Be a **U.S. citizen or permanent resident**
- Live in **Bucks, Montgomery, or Philadelphia County, PA**
  - Include a copy of your PA driver's license or U.S. passport
- Submit the **full application packet** and all required documents
- Email **two high-quality photos** (JPEG or PNG) to christine@toppfund.org
  - One cap-and-gown photo
  - One casual photo (example; in your college T-shirt)

Award Notification

- You'll be notified by **email by July 31, 2026** if selected.
- If you're not selected, you won't receive additional notification.
- Winners will be announced publicly on TOPP's website and social media.
- Before funds are released, you must confirm your enrollment and provide school's address.
- Once verified, the scholarship check will be sent **directly to your school's financial aid office** to go toward tuition.

Disclaimer

TOPP may approve or deny any application and request additional information at any time. We do not discriminate based on race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, or military status. TOPP may share winners' names and photos, but your personal information will never be shared.

How to Submit Your Application

Submit everything below by **June 30, 2026**:

- Completed application (Page 2 and 3 of this application)
- Signed Official Rules form (Page 4 of this application)
- Signed Photo Release form (Page 5 of this application)
- Essay and 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.
- Required documents:
  - Copy or picture of High School Diploma and/or transcript (after graduation)
  - Proof of admission of the college or trade school you will be attending
  - Copy or picture of PA driver's license or U.S. passport

You can **email** your full packet to christine@toppfund.org
or **mail** it to:

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

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: _____

College or Trade School 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:

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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: _____

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Official Scholarship Rules

By applying, you agree to follow these Official Scholarship Rules. Breaking any of these rules can disqualify you from receiving the scholarship.
TOPP Foundation may update or change these rules—or the scholarship program itself—at any time.

Eligibility

You can only apply if you meet all eligibility requirements. Scholarships are **non-transferable** and will be paid **directly to your college or trade school** in the United States.

Application Requirements

There's **no cost** to apply.
You must:

- Meet all eligibility requirements
- Submit a **complete** application by the deadline
- Agree to follow these Official Scholarship Rules

TOPP may disqualify applications that are incomplete or inaccurate.

Selection Process

TOPP Foundation board members review all eligible applications. All decisions—including selecting winners—are **final**.
If TOPP does not receive enough qualified applications, it may choose not to award a scholarship.

Notification

If you're selected, you'll be notified using the contact information you provided.
You may be asked to verify your eligibility. You're responsible for making sure all information you submit is **accurate and truthful**.
If you don't provide required verification on time, your award may be given to someone else.

Awarding the Scholarship

Once you're officially notified and you provide proof of enrollment, TOPP will send the scholarship funds **directly to your school's financial aid office** to be applied to your tuition.
Funds are **not** paid directly to students.

General Terms

If you win:

- You agree to provide photos and allow TOPP to use your name and photos on its website and social media.
- You agree to release TOPP and its representatives from any liability related to your participation in the scholarship.

TOPP may change or end the scholarship at any time, with or without notice.
If any part of these rules is found invalid, the rest still apply.
TOPP Foundation is not affiliated with or endorsed by any academic institution.

I have read, understand, and agree to the Official Scholarship Rules above.
If you do not agree to these rules, you may not apply for or accept a scholarship from the TOPP Foundation.

Signature of Applicant Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18) Date

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2026 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