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Frequently Asked Questions For *Voices of Hope* Scholarship Applicants

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarship. The Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation (SBTF), founded in 1995, operates as a 501(c)3 not for profit organization and a public charity. Unified by the words “you have a brain tumor”, our Board members and staff work diligently to provide Support, Hope and encouragement to those who are united by the same words. Some of us are brain tumor patient survivors, others of us are patient caregivers, and others of us live with the pain of having lost a family member to brain cancer. We provide funding for brain tumor research and other support programs through our issuance of research and educational grants. Our primary mission is to improve the quality of life for brain tumor patients and their families and advance the discovery of curative treatments. Read more at sbtf.org

The purpose behind our *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarship(s) is/are: To provide an individual who has been directly impacted by their own brain tumor diagnosis or the diagnosis of another individual, the opportunity to pursue a post-secondary education at an accredited College, University, or Technical school. Student applicants may be enrolled in on-line and/or F2F/person-to-person classes.

Voices of Hope Academic Scholarships are made possible through the generosity of donors, like yourself. Donations provide an educational opportunity to those who might not have otherwise been able to pursue a post-secondary education. Donations may be made to the general *Voices of Hope* Scholarship fund or donors have the opportunity to fund a named *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarship, in honor or in memory of an individual(s) impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis.

Below is a short list of frequently asked questions (FAQ'S) regarding our *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarship. To learn more about being a *Voices of Hope* scholarship donor, please visit the SBTF Scholarship page at <https://sbtf.org/scholarship/> or email us at scholarships@sbtf.org.



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Q. Are applications from brain tumor patients/survivors prioritized over other applications?

A. No, all applications are weighted equally.

Q. What is the minimum scholarship award amount?

A. \$1,500.

Q. How are scholarship funds disbursed?

A. The Scholarship awards are distributed in the form of a check made payable to and delivered directly to the Bursar/Financial Aid Office of the accredited post-secondary institution of higher education attended (or to be attended) by the Scholarship Recipient. Funds will be disbursed when the Scholarship Recipient has proven enrollment in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education and submitted proof of enrollment to the SBTF included in the Scholarship Application. The Scholarship may not be assigned, transferred, or changed, except at the sole discretion of the SBTF. No cash equivalent prize or monies will be awarded.

Q. If I am pursuing a professional degree, am I eligible to apply?

A. Yes as long as the studies are conducted through, and you are enrolled in, a U.S. accredited institution.

Q. When is the annual deadline to submit my *Voices of Hope* Academic application?

A. Submission deadline is 11:59pm ET on May 31st.

Q. Does every applicant receive an award?

A. Applicants are not guaranteed a *Voices of Hope* Scholarship.

Q. May I apply for more than one scholarship annually?

A. No.



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Q. I'm pursuing my associate, technical, and/or graduate degree and not an undergraduate degree, am I eligible to apply?

A. Yes. If your studies are being completed at an accredited U.S. academic institution, you may apply.

Q. Are the scholarship funds distributed to the student directly?

A. Scholarship award monies are remitted to the accredited post-secondary institution where the student is enrolled. Funds are NOT distributed directly to the student.

Q. Can my application be submitted via post (e.g. U.S. mail)?

A. Yes, but all submissions must be RECEIVED on or before May 31st.

Q. What is the composition of the Scholarship Selection Committee?

A. The Scholarship Selection Committee is comprised of SBTF Board members, SBTF volunteers and Scholarship donors.

Q. How are the scholarship award recipients selected?

A. The SBTF uses a scoring system to review scholarship applications.