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Frequently Asked Questions

Voices of Hope Academic Scholarship Donors

Thank you for your interest in the Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation's *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarship. **Since the inception of this program in 2019, the SBTF has awarded 49 scholarships totaling \$102,000.**

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 united by the same words. Some of us are brain tumor patient survivors, others are patient caregivers, and others live with the pain of having lost a family member to brain cancer. We provide funding for brain tumor research and other support programs by issuing 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 is: To provide an individual 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 online, F2F/person-to-person classes, or a combination.

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 memory of an individual(s) impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis.



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Below is a short list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) 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.

Q. May I establish a scholarship in the name of a family member, friend, or colleague?

A. You may, but all naming conventions are subject to SBTF approval. For privacy reasons, we require permission from living honorees to use their name via a signed consent form. Contact us at scholarships@sbtf.org to request a consent form.

Q. Who is eligible to have a scholarship named in their honor?

A. Anyone is eligible to have a *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarship named in their honor; however, all scholarship names are subject to the approval of the *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarship Committee.

Q. What minimum donation is required to name a *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarship?

A. \$3,000.00 (or \$3,150 if paid by credit card) is the minimum donation amount per academic year. The additional \$150 offsets processing fees charged to the Foundation if your preferred payment method is a credit card.

Q. Once I establish a named scholarship, am I required to fund the scholarship year after year?

A. No, a multi-year commitment is not required; however, a minimum two-year commitment is always welcomed.

Q. Who can I contact to discuss creating a named *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarship?

A. You can reach us by email at scholarships@sbtf.org.



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Q. When is the annual deadline to establish a named *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarship?

A. A named scholarship can be established any time before the application submission deadline, which is May 31st of each academic year.

Q. How will I be involved in the Scholarship process if I fund a named scholarship?

A. You or a designee may participate in the scholarship review and scoring process. Participation is optional and not mandatory. Any and all individuals who participate must agree to, and abide by, the SBTF Conflict of Interest Protocols.

Q. May I specify the named scholarship to be awarded to a specific level of education?

A. SBTF *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarships are directed toward individuals pursuing a post-secondary education. You may designate your named scholarship to be awarded to individuals pursuing a specific degree level (e.g., Trade School, Associate, Undergraduate, Master, Doctorate, etc.). If we do not receive an application for the specified award restriction, the Scholarship Selection Committee will choose an awardee that closest meets your stipulation.

Q. May I specify the scholarship to be awarded to individuals pursuing a specific major or degree program?

A. Yes. You may specify a particular degree or area of interest. Examples include, but are not limited to: Art History, Business, Education, Nursing, Law, etc. If we do not receive an application for the specified award restriction, the Scholarship Selection Committee will choose an awardee that closest meets your stipulation. For example, nursing could go to someone pursuing a healthcare degree.

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



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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. Is my donation to the SBTF *Voices of Hope* Academic Scholarship tax-deductible?

A. The SBTF is a 501(C)3, not-for-profit organization and a public charity. Donations to the SBTF are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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

A. The Scholarship Selection Committee comprises 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.