



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 exact 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 a brain tumor diagnosis or the diagnosis of another individual with the opportunity to pursue a post-secondary education at an accredited College, University, or Technical school. Student applicants may be enrolled in-person, online, or in 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.

Below is a short list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) 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 Scholarship/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 11:59 pm ET on April 30th.

Q. Does every applicant receive an award?

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

Q: How will I be notified if I win an award?



A. We will send award notifications via email from scholarships@sbtf.org on or before June 15th. If you receive an award, you will have until June 22nd, at 11:59 pm EST, to submit the requested information noted on your award letter. We will not send out reminders. Your award will be forfeited if the requested information is sent after the deadline. There will be no exceptions.

If you are awarded, in your notification letter, you will be asked for the acceptance letter or current class schedule, scholarship/financial aid office mailing address, website address link for the office, direct phone number, and student ID number. You will be asked to confirm if your award funds will be restricted (i.e., only for books, tuition, room, and board, or can be used for anything). You are strongly encouraged to research and collect this information after you submit your application and during the award notification waiting period to ensure you have it on hand. If you are awarded, you only have until June 22nd to return the requested information to claim your award.

Q. How should my academic institution expect the award funds if I am awarded?

A. The Foundation will issue award monies addressed to the individual academic institutions, in the last week of June. Based on banking, USPS mailing, and institution timelines, your school should receive the funds by the last week in July. If your payment has not been applied to your student account by July 31st, please email scholarships@sbtf.org.

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

A. No.

Q. If I am pursuing an associate, technical, or graduate degree rather than 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?



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

A. Yes; however, all submissions must be RECEIVED on or before April 30th.

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.

Q. Do I qualify if I have not been diagnosed with a brain tumor?

A. Yes, the applicant must have been directly impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis or the diagnosis of another individual who has significantly impacted their life. The other individual does not have to be related to you.