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*Fall 2024*

Dear Guidance Counselors/Financial Aid Professionals:

I am writing to you to share the 2024 Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA's scholarship program information for students who have epilepsy/seizure disorder.

The EAWCP will award **ten** scholarships, totaling **\$11,500** for graduating seniors going to post high school education or vocational training. The three applicants with the highest combined scores will receive a **\$1,500** scholarship and the remaining **seven** recipients will receive a **\$1,000** scholarship.

Awards will be based on the quality of the student's application determined through a competitive scoring system that balances need with achievement. EAWCP plans to announce awards on May 13, 2024.

We have included a "Fact Sheet" that outlines the minimum requirements for application. Please encourage students who meet these criteria to apply.

**All applications must be in our office no later than April 1, 2024, no exceptions.**

If you have further questions or if you need more applications, please call me at 1-800-361-5885 or 412-322-5880. Our scholarship application is also available on our website at [www.eawcp.org/programs/scholarships/](http://www.eawcp.org/programs/scholarships/) or by scanning the QR code below.

Thank you for spreading the word about our scholarships!

Sincerely,

Jordan Hinds  
Community Program Coordinator

**SCAN QR CODE:**





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## **2024 Scholarship Program Application Students Thriving with Epilepsy or Seizure Disorder**

**The Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA (EAWCP) will award a minimum of 10 scholarships, totaling \$11,500 to graduating high school seniors who have epilepsy/seizure disorder and are going on to post-secondary school. The three students with the highest total scores will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and the remaining seven (7) scholarship recipients will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.**

### **Purpose:**

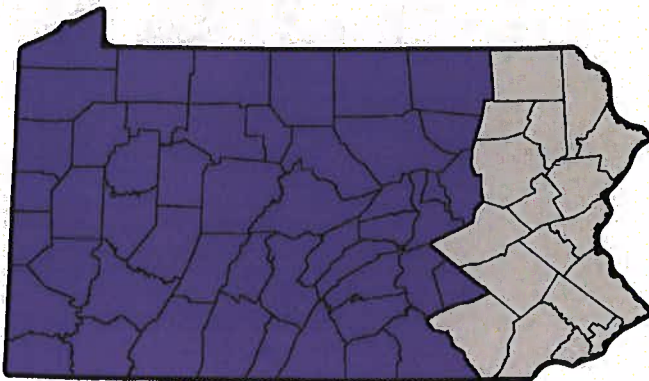
To assist an individual who has epilepsy with their academic and/or vocational training.

### **MINIMUM APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:**

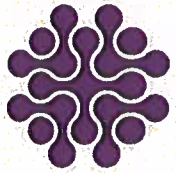
Applicant must:

- 1) Have a diagnosis of epilepsy/seizure disorder; this must be confirmed by a statement from the applicant's physician**
- 2) Provide proof of your intent to attend a post-secondary academic or vocational program**
- 3) Be a high school graduate of the class of 2024.**
- 4) Be enrolled full-time in the 2023 - 2024 school year**
- 5) Be a legal resident of Western or Central Pennsylvania. (See map below.)**
- 6) If selected, recipients are asked to attend at least one of the EAWCP's Run/Walks in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Erie, or Altoona for a scholarship check presentation.**

***The EAWCP offers its nationally recognized programs and services throughout the 49 counties of western and central Pennsylvania. (See the map for county eligibility)***



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**TO APPLY: Write or Call:**

**2024 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
APPLICATION**

**Attn: Jordan Hinds**  
**1501 Reedsdale Street - Suite 3002**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15233**  
**1-800-361-5885/ [jhinds@eawcp.org](mailto:jhinds@eawcp.org)**  
**412-322-7885 (FAX)**

*NOTE: Complete the Application. Do not write answers on a separate paper. Incomplete applications will be discarded.*

**Do not staple or fold paper work. Use a paper/binder clip and return in a large envelope.**

Note: Awards will be based on the quality of applications through a competitive scoring system that balances need with achievement. The Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA reserves the right to determine each year the number of scholarships given. This is a one-time award.

**TIME LINE**

November 2023	Scholarship Availability Announcement
April 1, 2024	Application Deadline; all scholarships <b>must be received by April 1, 2024</b>
May 13, 2024	Winners Award Announcement
June 22, 2024	Award Presentation at the EAWCP Family Fun Run/Walk in Pittsburgh

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### 1. Contact Information

Last Name:		First Name:	
Age:		Date of Birth:	
Parent/Guardian:			
Home Address:			
City:	State: Pennsylvania	Zip:	USA
County (not country) in which you reside:			
Mailing Address (if different from above):			
City, State Zip:			
Applicant Cell Phone:			
Applicant Email:			
Parent/Guardian Phone:			
Parent Guardian Email:			

### 2. School Information

Name and address of school you are currently attending:	
Name and address of school you will be attending during the next academic year:	
Will you be a Full-time student?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will you be a Part-time student?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Number of credit hours per semester/quarter:	
Major or Field of study:	

**Note: verification of acceptance into the school program you will be attending must be submitted. Applicants must provide a high school transcript, class rank, and grade point average.**

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**3. Awards and Activities (Use separate paper, if needed)**

List all special awards or honors received during school or outside school:
1)
2)
3)
4)
5)
6)
List all school extracurricular activities: 1) _____
2)
3)
4)
5)
6)
List activities outside of school: (clubs, hobbies, volunteering, employment, etc.)
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2)
3)
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6)

**4. Work Experience**

Dates Worked	Name and Address of Employer	Hours worked per week

**\*Attach a resume, if available.**

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**5. Financial Data**

Number of Adults in your family:	
Number of Children in your family:	
Total family income (gross) for the previous tax year:	

**Please note: a copy of the applicant's family IRS filing from the previous year must accompany this application to verify income. (First 2 pages of 1040, no additional schedules please.)**

**6. Scores and GPA**

Class Rank:	
Grade Point Average:	
SAT Scores (optional):	

**7. References**

**Include one letter of reference to accompany your application. (DO NOT USE RELATIVES.)**

**8. Information about your seizure disorder:**

Age of seizure onset:						
Type(s) of seizure that you experience:						
Describe a typical seizure:						
# of seizures	Per year:		Per month:		Per day:	
Are your seizures controlled?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Date of Last Seizure:						
Have you had Epilepsy Brain Surgery?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Do you have a Vagal Nerve Stimulator?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		RNS Surgery? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
List medications you are currently taking						
Medication:	Dosage :		How often:			

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**9. Personal Statement:**

**Please attach a short typed essay (220 word minimum) about your goals and how having epilepsy has affected or influenced these goals and your work toward achieving them. Tell us about how epilepsy has influenced your life and what you wish people knew about epilepsy. Be sure to include your personal experiences and how you overcame adversity.**

**Scholarship Presentation:**

The EAWCP hosts Run/Walks in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg and participates in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community Run/Walks in Erie and Altoona. There will be a scholarship recognition at each Run/Walk. All recipients should make an effort to attend at least **one** of the Run/Walks to participate in a scholarship recognition ceremony.

The scholarship checks will be presented at the EAWCP Family Run/Walk at PNC Park in Pittsburgh. If you are not present at the Pittsburgh Run/Walk, your scholarship will be mailed to you the Monday after the Pittsburgh Run/Walk.

Check which Run/Walk event you think you will attend if you are awarded a scholarship; you can attend more than one.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, Altoona, <b>Date TBD</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, <b>Date TBD</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>*Pittsburgh Pirates Family Fun Run/Walk at PNC Park, June 2024. Exact date not yet determined.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>*Harrisburg Senators Family Fun Run/Walk at Metro Bank Park, August 2024. Exact date not yet determined.</b>

*\* Dates of the Highmark and Harrisburg Run/Walks were not confirmed at the time of printing the scholarship application. Harrisburg Run/Walk will be in the first weeks of August, but exact date, not yet determined. Please call the EAWCP (1-800-361-7885) for further information.*

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If awarded a scholarship, do you give permission to the Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA to use your name and photo in all forms of media including newspapers, newsletters and website, announcing the 2024 scholarship if you are a scholarship recipient?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:**

Applicant Signature:	
Date:	

**Checklist**

**ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED:**

\_\_\_\_ Physician's verification of diagnosis of Epilepsy /Seizure Disorder

\_\_\_\_ Verification of acceptance into school

\_\_\_\_ School Transcripts

\_\_\_\_ Copy of last year's IRS filing (*First 2 pages of 1040 only.*)

\_\_\_\_ Resume (*if available*)

\_\_\_\_ Personal Reference Letter

\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement

\_\_\_\_ **\*\*\* First Initial and Last Name must be on the top of each page of the application**

**\*\*Do not fold or staple your paperwork. Mail in an envelope 9x12 or larger envelope.**

**All applications must be received by Monday, April 1, 2024.**