



Scholarships for Wish Recipients

On behalf of The Rainbow Connection's Board of Directors and Scholarship Review Team we thank you for your interest in our College Scholarship Program. The Rainbow Connection is honored to support our wish children as they proceed on to life's many challenges and rewards. Certainly these children have a wisdom and strength we can all learn and grow from. What better way to honor them than to lend a helping hand in furthering their education.

Awards may be used to cover tuition, fees and books at any post-secondary institution, including technical schools, vocational schools, junior colleges and four-year colleges or universities. (At this time, our scholarship awards are not available to graduate students.)

The \$1000 scholarship is paid directly to the institution selected by the recipient.

Our scholarship program is funded exclusively by donations to the program. If you would like to make a contribution to supporting the higher education of Michigan children diagnosed with life threatening illnesses simply designate a donation to the program and you too will feel the magic of helping these terrific kids!

Eligibility, Guidelines and Application Requirements for Recipients

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The purpose of The Rainbow Connection Scholarship Program is to support the educational goals of our wish recipients. The scholarship amount is \$1000. You can receive the scholarship for up to four years but you will have to reapply each year.

Each year The Rainbow Connection awards a minimum of two scholarships. The number of scholarships is dependent upon the availability of funding. You are all winners in our eyes and we would like to give the scholarship to every wish child who asks for it. If you do not receive the scholarship please give us the chance to provide one to you next year! We are working hard to build the scholarship fund and are confident, with help from our supporters, the number of scholarships and the amount of scholarships will increase over time.

Please find below the scholarship guidelines and application. Of course, you are encouraged to give us a call at 248-601-9474 or toll free at 877-MI-WISHES if you have any questions.

Most sincerely,

Your friends at The Rainbow Connection

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Eligibility Requirements

- In order for a student to be eligible for this scholarship the applicant must be a recipient of a Rainbow Connection wish.
- The scholarship is not based upon financial need therefore a financial statement is not required.
- The scholarship is not based upon scholastic ability. The recipient's acceptance into an accredited college/university will provide evidence of academic ability.

Initial Scholarship Application Process

- The applicant must complete the Scholarship Application. Applications are available at the Website or by calling The Rainbow Connection office at 248-601-9474 or toll free at 877-MI-Wishes.
- Applications may be photocopied.
- The applicant must submit a letter with a completed application telling the selection committee about the wish experience and how the diagnosis has impacted your life and future goals. (1000 word maximum)
- Applications must be postmarked on or before March 15.
- Incomplete applications will be returned without decision.
- Awards will be announced in May and letters will be sent to all applicants notifying them whether or not they have received an award.
- Students are asked to accept or reject their scholarship in writing within 10 days of receiving this notice. Failure to do so will result in a loss of scholarship.
- Award checks will be issued in the following summer and will be paid directly to the educational institution.

May I apply again next year?

- Yes! The Renewal Process ensures recipients can continue to achieve their educational goal. Recipients are eligible to apply for their scholarship for three additional consecutive years. (Scholarship Renewal Application Form)
- All scholarship winners must reapply by the deadline of March 15.
- The renewable scholarship, as with the initial scholarship, is dependent upon the availability of funding.



Scholarship Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number(s) _____

E-Mail _____

Current Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Gender: Female Male

Current year in school:

High School _____ College _____

Have you ever applied for a Rainbow Connection college scholarship?

Yes No If yes, date _____

Have you ever received a college scholarship from The Rainbow Connection?

Yes No If yes, date _____

How did you hear about the Rainbow Connection Scholarship Program?

Signature of Applicant

_____ Date _____

Signature of Parent (If Applicant is under the age of 18)

_____ Date _____