

Deanna Lynn Potts Scholarship



Deanna Lynn Potts was born with cystinosis and lived to be 27 years old. Before she died, she discussed her wishes to start a cystinosis scholarship fund.

We know how devastating a chronic illness can be for a family emotionally, physically, socially, and financially. Children with cystinosis are living longer, thanks to medical science and therefore, embarking on careers.

Some of these careers require additional education. Education is expensive, yet something we do not want to deprive our children of in our world today. Due to the financially draining medical costs, it might prove difficult to attend college/career advancing programs.

Through this fund, we hope to help some of those students.

PURPOSE: To provide supplemental financial assistance to an undergraduate student diagnosed with cystinosis enrolled in an accredited collegiate or vocational program.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: A \$1000 scholarship awarded annually. The award is contingent upon the winners acceptance to an accredited college, university, or vocational program and will be payable to the education institution to be applied to tuition, room and board.

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates can be high school graduates or high school seniors living with cystinosis seeking post-graduation education or training.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit the application form online. Once the application is received you will be notified by the Scholarship Committee. We will ask you to submit the following documentation:

1. Verification of cystinosis (e.g. letter from physician.)
2. A copy of your high school or college transcript.
3. Two letters of recommendation from current or most recent teachers/faculty members and/or counselors regarding applicant's scholastic aptitude and personal qualifications.
4. An essay telling us who has played a vital role in your life. How? Why?

JUDGING CRITERIA: The essay will be judged on the basis of rationale, grammar and comprehension. Transcripts and letters of recommendation will be considered in the final decision with Grade Point Average (GPA), courses taken and class standing used as part of the evaluation. The CRN will establish an independent judging panel to evaluate and rate the applicants. The decision of the judges is final. Finalists may be interviewed before selection is made.

PREPARING THE APPLICATION PACKAGE: Each application packet must include a completed application, required documentation materials, and essay on 8.5x11 white paper. Send all materials in a single flat package or they may be submitted online at cystinosis.org/scholarships. All application documents become the property of the evaluation committee. Initial online application is also available.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: Application and all accompanying documents must be received by the Cystinosis Research Network by August 1st of each year.

MAIL APPLICATION PACKETS TO:

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