

# 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 scholarship fund for others living with cystinosis.

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

These careers require 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 send a child to college.

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

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

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:** A \$2,000 scholarship awarded annually. The award is contingent upon the winner's acceptance to an accredited college, university, or vocational program and will be payable directly to the education institution to be applied to tuition or room and board.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Each candidate must be a current high school senior or high school graduate diagnosed with cystinosis.

**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. Documentation/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 teachers/faculty members and/or counselors regarding applicant's scholastic aptitude and personal qualifications.
4. A 500 word essay telling us who has played a vital role in your life. How? Why?

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** The essay will be evaluated 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 Board's scholarship committee will evaluate and rate each applicant. The decision of the committee is final. CRN reserves the right to interview finalists before a 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 our website <https://www.cystinosis.org/support-resources/scholarship/>. All application documents become the property of the evaluation committee.

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

MAIL APPLICATION PACKETS TO:

CRN Individual Scholarship

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