

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

The AbbVie Rheumatology Scholarship is designed to provide financial support for exceptional students living with RA, JIA, PsA, or AS, as they pursue their higher education goals.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students living with RA, JIA, PsA, or AS, who are seeking a higher education

AWARD AMOUNT

Fifteen \$15,000 scholarships will be awarded for the 2016–2017 school year

APPLICATION PROCESS

There are three simple steps

REQUIRED MATERIALS

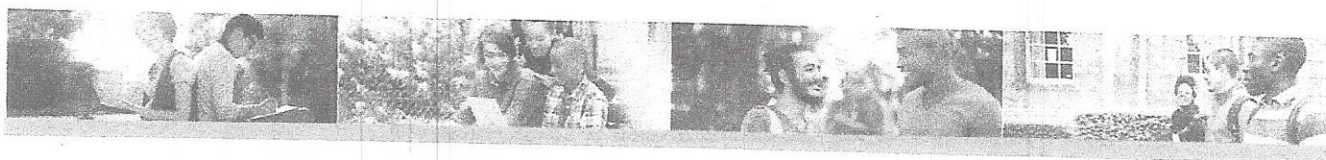
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HOW APPLICATIONS WILL BE JUDGED

Application evaluation criteria

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission dates and deadlines



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

This scholarship is for students living with RA, JIA, PsA, or AS, who are seeking an associate, undergraduate, or graduate degree from an accredited U.S. university or college, or an educational diploma from a trade school. Students applying for this scholarship must have completed high school or obtained a General Educational Development (GED) certification before June 2016.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be:

- A U.S. citizen, or a legal and permanent resident of the U.S.
- Diagnosed with RA, JIA, PsA, or AS by a healthcare professional.
- Enrolling in or currently attending an accredited U.S. institution (e.g., college, university, or trade/vocational school) for an education during the 2016–2017 academic year.

- It is not necessary for applicants to have taken, currently take, or intend to take in the future any medicine or product marketed by AbbVie, and this will not be a consideration in the recipient selection criteria.
- Employees of AbbVie and their immediate family members are not eligible. Healthcare providers and their immediate family members are not eligible. Patients contracted by AbbVie through Patient Health Perspectives ("SPEAK Network") are not eligible.

The AbbVie Rheumatology Scholarship is sponsored by AbbVie, and is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws. **AbbVie reserves the right to change, alter, or modify these rules and/or dates at any time without notice.**

Submission guidelines are included in the application. By participating, applicants agree to these contest rules and the decisions of the judges and/or sponsors, which are binding and final on matters relating to this contest. **It is not necessary for applicants to have taken, currently take, or intend to take in the future, any medicine or product marketed by AbbVie, and this will not be a consideration in the recipient selection criteria.**

PRIVACY POLICY

AbbVie will never, under any circumstances, sell or otherwise distribute your personal information or cell phone numbers to third parties. AbbVie will never market to you directly any services for which you have not opted in, either by cell phone, text message, or email. AbbVie may share your personal information with partners that help manage the AbbVie Rheumatology Scholarship for purposes of selecting the scholarship winners and issuing scholarship checks.

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AWARD AMOUNT & NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Fifteen Rheumatology Scholars will be selected. The award value will be \$15,000 for each recipient.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

There are three simple steps to apply for the AbbVie Rheumatology Scholarship:

1. **Confirm eligibility:** You must be a U.S. citizen, or a legal and permanent resident of the U.S., diagnosed with RA, JIA, PsA, or AS by a healthcare professional and enrolling in an accredited U.S. institution (e.g., college, university, or trade/vocational school) for an education during the 2016–2017 academic year.
2. **Gather the required materials:** Certain materials will be required for your application. (Get details. (/apply)) Be sure to give yourself enough time to collect all the required materials.
3. **Upload your completed application and required documents.**

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REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Scholarship application (Download here (/pdf/Scholarship-Application.pdf))
- Proof of diagnosis form—This document **MUST** be completed by your healthcare professional (Download here (/pdf/Proof-of-Diagnosis-Form.pdf))
- One letter of reference (details included in application)
- Transcript or report card confirming current GPA

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HOW APPLICATIONS WILL BE JUDGED

All eligible submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges selected by AbbVie. Submissions will be judged and ranked using a point system based on the following criteria:

- Essay (judged on a scale from 0 to 25 points)
- Academic record and extracurricular activities (judged on a scale from 0 to 15 points)
- Letter of reference (judged on a scale from 0 to 10 points)

Fifteen winning scholars will be determined by the highest cumulative points awarded by the judges. In the event of a tie, submissions will be evaluated according to the original criteria by a new independent judge, selected by AbbVie, and the submission with the highest cumulative score by the new judge will be declared a winner of the AbbVie Rheumatology Scholarship. All decisions made by the judging panel are final.

If you have questions about the application process, please email us at info@rheumscholarship.com.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Students may submit their application at any time during the application acceptance period (February 1, 2016 – April 4, 2016).
- Online applications will be accepted from 11:00 am ET on February 1, 2016, through 11:00 am ET on April 4, 2016.
- To submit a hard copy of your application instead of an online submission, a completed application must be mailed and postmarked before the scholarship application deadline on April 4, 2016. Applications postmarked after the deadline will be ineligible. Mailed applications must also be received within five business days following the close of the application period. Only one application per student will be accepted.
- Winners will be notified by April 29, 2016.

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