



## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Who does the applicant contact if they have questions?**  
Applicants should email LLS at [Scholarship@LLS.org](mailto:Scholarship@LLS.org)
- 2. Can an immediate family member of an LLS employee or LLS National Board Member apply to the scholarship program?**  
Unfortunately, immediate family members cannot apply due to potential conflict of interest.
- 3. Can applicants apply for a scholarship over multiple years?**  
Eligible applicants can apply annually if funding is available.
- 4. What do applicants need to submit to verify their diagnosis?**  
Applicants must submit an LLS Diagnosis Verification Form (found on [www.LLS.org/Scholarship](http://www.LLS.org/Scholarship)).
- 5. What if the applicant's treating physician is no longer practicing? What documents can they submit?**  
The applicants can submit an LLS Diagnosis Verification Form signed by their current physician. (found on [www.LLS.org/Scholarship](http://www.LLS.org/Scholarship))
- 6. Who can the applicant use as a reference?**  
Applicants can ask anyone except an immediate family member (ie. parent, sibling, grandparent) to write a recommendation letter for them.
- 7. What can the scholarship award be applied to?**  
The scholarship supports tuition expenses only. Other educational expenses are not supported through the scholarship.
- 8. How will the applicant receive their scholarship payment?**  
Payments will be sent directly to the institution identified in the payment information form completed in the scholarship portal.
- 9. When and how will the applicant know if they are awarded a scholarship?**  
Notifications will be sent to all applicants via email. All important dates are listed on the scholarship website ([www.LLS.org/Scholarship](http://www.LLS.org/Scholarship)) and on the scholarship portal.
- 10. Is the applicant's grade point average (GPA) a factor in being awarded or keeping a scholarship?**  
The applicant's GPA is not a factor.
- 11. Why is LLS collecting household income on the application?**  
While a specific income threshold is not a scholarship eligibility requirement, LLS collects applicant self-reported income data which could be used in evaluating applications, but moreover it helps diversify outreach efforts.
- 12. Does the applicant have to be in active treatment to be eligible?**  
No, applicants can be in active-treatment or post-treatment.
- 13. What happens if the applicant relapses while in school after receiving an LLS Scholarship award? Do they have to return the money?**  
If an applicant relapses and is unable to continue attending classes, they should contact LLS at [Scholarship@LLS.org](mailto:Scholarship@LLS.org)
- 14. Does the applicant have to be a fulltime student to be eligible?**  
No, applicants can be full-time or part-time students.
- 15. Do I need to claim this on my taxes?**  
As a charity, LLS is exempt from federal income tax and individuals who receive assistance from a charity to meet their personal needs do not generally have to pay federal income tax on the value of the assistance they receive. With this being said, it should not affect their ability to receive financial assistance from the government or effect their income taxes. However, LLS recommends seeking advice from a tax expert for specific tax questions.
- 16. How does the applicant check the status of their application?**  
Applicants can log in to the scholarship portal to check the status of the application.
- 17. What if the applicant needs to change schools? How do they update their information?**  
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- 18. Are applicants entitled to the full \$7,500? How is the award amount determined?**  
Award amounts are based on the tuition cost.
- 19. What if the applicant is a child of or related to a blood cancer patient?**  
The scholarship only provides assistance to blood cancer patients who were diagnosed up to and including 25 years of age.