

Children's Cancer Connection Empowering Scholarships

Sponsored by the Ockenfels' Family Foundation

Since 1988, Children's Cancer Connection has focused on enhancing the lives of children affected by childhood cancer and their families. The Ockenfels Family Foundation mission is to be a caring member of the childhood cancer journey, no matter where that journey takes an individual and their family.

Eligibility to apply for Children's Cancer Connection Empowering Scholarships

- Applicant must be directly affected by childhood cancer (includes individuals who currently have or have had cancer before age 18 or a sibling of that individual).
- Applicant must be within the Children's Cancer Connection service area (living, treated or diagnosed in the state of Iowa).
- Applicant must attend an accredited two- or four-year institution (trade school, college or university).

Requirements for Children's Cancer Connection Empowering Scholarships

- Completed application with two 500-word essays
- Two letters of recommendation from school, medical or business professional
- 10-40 hours of volunteer support, depending on awarded scholarship

Available Children's Cancer Connection Empowering Scholarships

- \$500 Book Reimbursement Scholarship
- \$1,000 Tuition Assistance Scholarship
- \$2,500 Tuition Assistance Scholarship
- \$5,000 Debbie Ockenfels Memorial Scholarship

Applications for the fall semester are due the last Friday in May.

Applications for the spring semester are due the last Friday in September.

Applicants will be notified by July 31st for the fall semester and November 30th for the spring semester. Funds will be sent directly to the institution listed in the application.

Please return completed application, recommendations and essays to:

Children's Cancer Connection Empowering Scholarships
2708 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50312

Or via email to: Scholarship@ChildrensCancerConnection.org

Empowering Scholarships application

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP: _____

County: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

I am a survivor

I am a sibling

What hospital were you/your sibling diagnosed and/or treated? _____

Current/previous high school: _____

Intended graduation date: _____

College you attend or plan to attend: _____

Accepted admission: Y N

Anticipated major: _____

Anticipated minor: (if applicable) _____

Essay questions

(please answer the following questions in 500 words or less, typed, on a separate sheet.)

ESSAY 1. How has childhood cancer built your character? How has that made you into the person you are and helped formulate plans for your future?

ESSAY 2. Debbie Ockenfels fought her own battle with childhood cancer. The entire Ockenfels family now remembers Debbie for her positive attitude, zest for life, joyful manner and desire to be her best. How do your personal characteristics mirror those of Debbie, and how have they helped determine your decision for further education?