

Frequently Asked Questions

ABBVIE IMMUNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

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1. What is the AbbVie Immunology Scholarship?

The AbbVie Immunology Scholarship is designed to provide financial support for exceptional students living with inflammatory diseases like ankylosing spondylitis (AS), Crohn's disease (CD), hidradenitis suppurativa (HS), juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA), psoriasis (Ps), psoriatic arthritis (PsA), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), ulcerative colitis (UC), or uveitis (UV).

Submission guidelines are included in the application. By participating, applicants agree to the rules and the decisions of the judges and/or sponsors, which are binding and final on matters relating to this scholarship.

2. Who is eligible for the scholarship?

The AbbVie scholarship is for students living with an inflammatory disease who are seeking an undergraduate degree or graduate degree from an accredited United States university or college.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be:

- ✓ A US citizen or a legal and permanent resident of the USA
- ✓ Diagnosed with AS, CD, HS, JIA, Ps, PsA, RA, UC, or UV by a healthcare professional
- ✓ Planning to enroll in full-time undergraduate or graduate studies at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.
- ✓ Applicants must have completed high school or obtained a General Education Development (GED) certificate before the end of June 2021. **Those who do not receive a scholarship are allowed to reapply in the following years.**

You are not eligible if:

- You are a previous AbbVie scholarship recipient.
- You are an employee of AbbVie or their immediate family member.
- You are a healthcare provider or their immediate family member.
- Are you a patient contracted by AbbVie through Patient Health Perspectives.

3. What if I have more than one inflammatory disease?

If an applicant has been diagnosed with more than one of these inflammatory diseases, the applicant should choose the most relevant inflammatory disease for this application.

4. How do I apply for the scholarship?

The application is available online at www.AbbVieImmunologyScholarship.com. Students may submit their application at any time during the open application period which can be found on the website.

5. Are individuals who are not currently attending a postsecondary institution eligible?

Yes. The scholarship is available to anyone who is beginning or continuing postsecondary education in the current academic year. Eligibility and receipt of scholarship awards are contingent upon enrollment at an accredited US-based post-secondary education institution for the applicable school year.

6. Are part-time students eligible for the program?

No. The scholarship is available to anyone who is beginning or continuing full-time postsecondary education in the applicable academic year only.

7. Are educational programs outside of the US eligible for this program?

No. The scholarship funds can only be used at a US institution.

8. How many times can I apply for the scholarship?

Those who do not receive a scholarship are invited to reapply in the following years. Previous recipients of any prior AbbVie Scholarships are not eligible to apply again.

9. How will my inflammatory disease diagnosis be verified?

If chosen as a semi-finalist, applicants will be required to have their healthcare provider verify their condition in writing by completing a Diagnosis Verification Form. The Diagnosis Verification Form will be provided to semi-finalists by Scholarship America®.

10. In order to be eligible, am I required to take a product marketed by AbbVie?

No, 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; this will not be a consideration in the recipient selection process.

11. How can the AbbVie Immunology Scholarship funds be used?

AbbVie Immunology Scholarship funds are awarded solely for use toward education related expenses under applicable federal tax laws.

12. Can I include brand or product names in my application form or essay?

No. Please do not include any specific brand and/or product names of medications (including generic names of medications). Do not include any physician/healthcare professional names or medical facility names [anywhere other than the healthcare form requested for semi-finalists – this should be clarified]

13. In what format should the essay be submitted for the online application?

The essay should be entered directly in the space provided online during the application. Please note you are limited to 2,000 characters.

14. How much will I receive if I am awarded a scholarship?

Recipients pursuing an Associate degree will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. Those pursuing a Bachelor's degree or Masters/PhD will receive a \$15,000 scholarship.

15. When will the scholarship recipients be notified?

All applicants will be notified of their status by mid-January*. Notifications will be made via email using the contact information provided in their applications. Scholarship recipients will be notified the week of mid-April. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as scholarship recipients.

16. How are the scholarship monies paid out?

Scholarship America® processes scholarship payments on behalf of AbbVie. Awards will be paid in one installment in mid July. Awards will be made payable to the institution for the student.

17. If I have any questions that aren't addressed on this list, who may I contact for more information?

For more information about the AbbVie Immunology Scholarship, email AbbVieImmunology@scholarshipamerica.org