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Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must:

- Anticipate enrollment as a part-time or full-time first-year, second-year, third-year, fourth-year, or graduate student of a post-secondary program at an accredited institution in the United States or Canada in the fall of 2026 in good academic standing
Be a person who has been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis (CF), or is the sibling, caregiver, spouse, or child of a person diagnosed with CF
- Consent to disclose this information with Scholarship America Inc, Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated, the Vertex Foundation, and the academic institution
- Be a legal resident of the United States or Canada
- Not be a Vertex Pharmaceuticals or Vertex Foundation employee, contractor, former employee, employee dependent, or immediate family member, as such persons are not eligible to apply

Does the patient need to use Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated drugs?

No. This scholarship is for any person diagnosed with CF, their sibling, caregiver, spouse, or child. Use of a Vertex product is not considered.

What is the confidentiality of my application?

If selected, your full application will be shared with the Vertex Foundation and Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated. If not selected, any adverse events disclosed in your application will be shared with the Vertex drug safety team. Any information and material you provide as part of your application process will be handled according to the Vertex privacy notice, which is different from the Scholarship America Inc. privacy notice on the Scholarship America Inc. login page.

How do you define "good academic standing"?

Applicant cannot be on academic probation according to the guidelines of their educational institution, based on academic transcript.

When is the application deadline?

February 24, 2026 at 3:00 PM CT

When is the recommendation deadline?

February 27, 2026 at 3:00 PM CT

What is the program timeline?

- Application Open: January 13, 2026
- Application Deadline: February 24, 2026
- Recommendation Deadline: February 27, 2026
- Notification of Selection Results: Late April/Early May 2026
- Funds Disbursed: August 2026

What are the selection criteria?

The elements considered in selecting the recipients include:

- Essays
- Community involvement
- Academic achievements and records
- Recommendation

Decisions will be made by Scholarship America with guidelines provided by the Vertex Foundation. No Vertex Foundation directors or Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated employees are involved in the selection of scholarship recipients.

Who administers the program?

Scholarship America Inc. administers the Vertex Foundation Scholarship Program.

Who do I contact if I have other questions?

Please email vertexfoundation@scholarshipamerica.org with any questions about the program.

Who do I contact if I was notified that I've been awarded a scholarship but have not received the scholarship funds yet, and my tuition is due soon?

Please email **Scholarship America** at vertexfoundation@scholarshipamerica.org. All correspondence should reference the Vertex Foundation Scholarship Program.

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Decisions of the selection committee are final and are not subject to review. No application feedback will be given.