

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CRITERIA

The Mary Free Bed Guild has established annual scholarships for students with disabilities pursuing a post-secondary degree. This scholarship is intended for individuals who would meet similar criteria as the type of patients Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital treats daily. An individual is eligible to apply for a one-year scholarship for tuition, room and board if they meet the established criteria. Preference will be awarded to qualified applicants who are pursuing a graduate or undergraduate clinical rehabilitation program, or other healthcare-related program or career, however, all qualified applicants will be considered. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and are determined based on individual needs, other scholarships awarded, number of applicants, and the Mary Free Bed Guild's available financial resources.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must possess a diagnosed physical disability related to a brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, limb difference or overcoming any serious acquired or congenital neurological condition treatable through rehabilitation
- Demonstrates a commitment to serving diverse populations
- Cumulative high school or college GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale (overall and in the chosen area of study)
- Must be able to competitively apply oneself in the desired field of study, potentially with reasonable accommodations
- Student currently enrolled in, or accepted into an accredited college or university as at least a halftime status (Halftime as determined by your school)
- Demonstrates leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other volunteer activities
- Must be a permanent resident of Michigan
- U.S. Citizen or Eligible Non-Resident

Submit your completed application to: Attn: Human Resources Department
Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital • 235 Wealthy SE • Grand Rapids, MI 49503-5299
mfbscholarship@maryfreebed.com • 616.840.8667 • 800.528.8989 ext.58667

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Complete the application by typing or printing legibly. Only completed and signed applications will be considered. Previous recipients are eligible to reapply and must follow all application instructions and continue to meet eligibility requirements. If selected, the Scholarship can be received a maximum of three (3) times.

Submit the following items with this completed application form:

1. Copy of your most recent transcript of grades from current or last school attended. An official transcript from the school is required by the April 1st application deadline.
2. Three original letters of recommendation from individuals who are not related to you, the applicant. One must be from a faculty advisor. At least one should reflect your interest in pursuing or continuing post-secondary education. All must be in original form, and must be signed and addressed to the Scholarship Selection Committee at the address noted below.
3. On a separate sheet of paper, specify your involvement, and dates of participation, in community service, extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement, related employment, and any awards and honors you have received.
4. On a separate sheet of paper, prepare a personal statement, not to exceed 1,500 words, indicating your interest in and commitment towards pursuing post-secondary education to use towards a career. Feel free to include examples of your involvement in your community, your career goals, any other information on significant financial difficulties you are experiencing, and why you feel you should be selected to receive the scholarship. **Previous Recipients:** Prepare a statement, not to exceed 1,500 words, indicating how receiving the scholarship has impacted your educational journey, reduced financial strain, your current community involvement, and how you would use additional scholarship funds. Do not resubmit your original personal statement.
5. Conduct research of Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital through the website www.maryfreebed.com and/or other methods of your choice and include observation/comments in your personal statement or as an addendum.
6. Proof of citizenship or eligible non-resident documentation.
7. Copy of driver's license or other State-Issued ID (copies of both front and back).
8. Letter of acceptance into your chosen program.
9. Copy of your complete Student Aid Report (SAR). This is obtained after filing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and must show (1) Application Receipt Date, (2) Processed Date, and (3) EFC (estimated family contribution).
10. Proof or copy of a physician's diagnosis or documentation from doctor verifying the disability or resulting effect(s) from the acquired or congenital neurological condition which you feel makes you an eligible candidate for this scholarship.

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Mary Free Bed Guild
Disability Scholarship Application
2021-2022 Scholarship Program
 Deadline: Postmarked by April 1, 2021

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle _____

Gender: Female Male Prefer Not to Answer Date of Birth _____/_____/_____

Classification for 2021-2022 Freshman Sophomore Junior
 Senior Graduate-level Student

Type of Academic Program: _____

Please Describe Your Disability: _____

Permanent/Home Address	Temporary/School Address (if different)
Street _____	Street _____
City _____	City _____
State _____ Zip _____	State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____
 Day Telephone (_____) _____ Evening Telephone (_____) _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Are you receiving other financial aid or support for the upcoming academic year? Yes No

(If yes, please indicate on next page under Projected Sources of Income)

Have you applied for the Mary Free Bed Scholarship in previous years? Yes No

Have you applied for other Scholarships? Yes No

Have you applied for Financial Aid? Yes No

If no, why not?

A. INDEPENDENT STUDENT

-OR-

B. DEPENDENT STUDENT

Did you personally file income taxes for the previous tax year? Yes No

Did your parent or guardian file income taxes for the previous tax year? Yes No

If yes, number of dependents you claimed? _____

Did your parent or guardian claim you as a dependent? Yes No

Total number of dependents that your parent or guardian claimed? _____

Are you currently employed? Yes No If yes: Full-time Part-time

If Employed, where: _____

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PROJECTED ANNUAL SCHOOL EXPENSES 2021-2022		PROJECTED SOURCES OF INCOME 2021-2022	
Tuition	\$ _____	Parent Contribution	\$ _____
Room/Board or Other Housing Expenses	\$ _____	Grants (specify)	\$ _____
Other Educational Expenses (specify)	\$ _____	Scholarships (specify)	\$ _____
Other Expenses (specify)	\$ _____	Student Employment Income	\$ _____
Total Projected Expenses	\$ _____	Total Projected Contribution	\$ _____

How did you hear about the Mary Free Bed Scholarship Program?

- Friend
 School Fair
 Faculty
 Website
 Parent
 Other (please specify) _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Are you currently enrolled or accepted into a nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, therapeutic recreation, neuropsychology, or orthotics/prosthetics program at an accredited college or university in the upcoming academic year? Yes No

Expected Graduation Date from Program ____/____/____

List all high schools, colleges and universities attended, including current:

Name of School	Location	Dates Attended	Degree Received
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

School to which you would apply a MFB scholarship _____

AGREEMENT & TERMS OF MARY FREE BED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

I understand that the Mary Free Bed Scholarship Committee may request additional information, including a personal interview, to make a decision on my application. I agree that if this application is accepted and I receive a scholarship award, I will be bound by the terms and conditions of the award. If I am selected for this scholarship, I agree to provide a copy of my official transcript (grades) at the end of each semester.

I understand that scholarship funds may only be applied to offset financial obligations that I have incurred or reasonably expect to incur for tuition, room and board, during the academic year. I further understand that if I receive a scholarship and accept the award, a check for my tuition, room and board will be paid directly to the college or university. I further understand that I am responsible for any tax liability incurred because of this award.

I certify that the statements that I have provided on this application are true and correct and are given for obtaining a Mary Free Bed scholarship. I authorize Mary Free Bed to verify the statements contained herein and I understand that all personal information contained on this application will be held in confidence by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

For questions or additional information please contact Human Resources at mfb scholarship@maryfreebed.com