

CAF-Acceleron Scholarships for Academic Achievement
For Academic Year 2021-22
Application for Students Currently Enrolled in College

The Cooley's Anemia Foundation and Acceleron Pharma Inc. are offering up to two college scholarships of \$5,000 each to individuals with a clinically significant form of thalassemia (alpha or beta thalassemia major, beta thalassemia intermedia, e beta thalassemia, hemoglobin H disease or hemoglobin H disease Constant Spring) who are currently enrolled in a college program and will continue to be enrolled in a college program in the upcoming fall semester; this may include college students who are completing their current degree program and will be starting a new degree program in the fall. These awards are for residents of the United States.

These awards are merit based and will place significant emphasis on the applicant's academic record and the quality of the essay submitted as part of the individual's application package. Other factors that will be considered include the strength of the letters of recommendations received, as well as the individual's involvement in the thalassemia community.

Applicants must complete the full application form and package (following) and submit to the Cooley's Anemia Foundation no later than May 15, 2021. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Applications will be reviewed by our Scholarship Review Committee. Awardees will be selected and notified by June 15, 2021. Those who are not selected for an award will also be contacted.

Scholarship funds are intended for tuition or room and board expenses and will be forwarded directly to the college rather than to the awardee.

Eligibility:

- ◆ Applicant must be diagnosed with one of the following forms of thalassemia: alpha or beta thalassemia major, beta thalassemia intermedia, e beta thalassemia, hemoglobin H disease or hemoglobin H disease Constant Spring.
- ◆ Applicant must be registered with the Cooley's Anemia Foundation. (If you are unsure if you are registered, please contact CAF at eileen.s@thalassemia.org).
- ◆ Applicant must be a resident of the United States.
- ◆ Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited college or university on a full-time basis. This grant does not apply to summer enrollment or correspondence schools. If applicant is completing their current degree program, they must be starting a new degree program in the fall of 2021.
- ◆ Applicant should be an involved member of the thalassemia community.

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APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS
FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN COLLEGE

- ◆ Applicant must complete the attached application form.
- ◆ Applicant must submit a transcript from their current program indicating cumulative grade point average (or the equivalent if institution uses a different system).
- ◆ Applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a teacher or instructor at their college or university. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Cooley's Anemia Foundation by the author of each letter rather than being included in the applicant's application package; it is incumbent upon the applicant to ensure that those selected to write the letters are aware of the deadline by which the letters must be received (May 15, 2021). Letters may be emailed to eileen.s@thalassemia.org or mailed to Cooley's Anemia Foundation, 330 Seventh Avenue, Suite 200, New York, NY 10001
- ◆ Applicant should be an involved member of the thalassemia community and should include a short written statement which details ways in which they are so involved. (Examples of involvement with community might include but are not limited to: participation in CAF activities on a local, national or virtual basis, participation in thalassemia-related social media activities, spreading information about thalassemia to local media, etc.)
- ◆ Applicant must submit a double-spaced, typed, 500-1000 word essay on one of the three following topics:
 - ◆ Does a person with a rare disorder have a greater obligation to participate in a clinical trial related to their disorder?
 - ◆ What can be done to better ensure proper treatment for thalassemia patients whose doctors do not have previous experience with thalassemia?
 - ◆ Please take one experience you have had which is related to having thalassemia and relate a lesson learned from this experience.
- ◆ (Optional) On the application form, space is provided for the applicant to provide any information that they feel may be of relevance in terms of their academic achievements, scholastic honors, personal accomplishments, etc.

The complete application must be received by the Cooley's Anemia Foundation by May 15, 2021. Letters of recommendation must be sent separately (not with the application package) by the authors of the letters to the Cooley's Anemia Foundation and must also be received by May 15, 2021. No extensions will be granted. Award recipients will be notified by June 15, 2021.

All application materials may be sent by email or postal mail to:

Cooley's Anemia Foundation
330 Seventh Avenue, Suite 200
New York, NY 10001
Eileen.s@thalassemia.org

Please note: the amount of your award cannot exceed the cost of your tuition and school-based room and board or any full scholarships you may have received.

For more information, email eileen.s@thalassemia.org.

Cooley's Anemia Foundation thanks Acceleron Pharma Inc. for their support of this program.

*** Incomplete applications or those that do not follow the required guidelines will not be considered.**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Your application must contain each of the following and be received by CAF by May 15, 2021 in order to be considered:

- Application form (including consent form for photos and personal information)
- Transcript showing cumulative GPA
- Short description of applicant's involvement in thalassemia community
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (sent under separate cover from authors of letters). Letters may be emailed to eileen.s@thalassemia.org or mailed to Cooley's Anemia Foundation, 330 Seventh Avenue, Suite 200, New York, NY 10001
- Double-spaced, typed, 500-1000 word essay
- Applicant may in the space provided on the form submit additional information that they believe to be of relevance (Optional)

Return to eileen.s@thalassemia.org or mail to Cooley's Anemia Foundation, CAF Acceleron Scholarships, 330 Seventh Ave #200, New York, NY 10001. Completed applications must be received by May 15, 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER MAY 15, 2021 WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN COLLEGE

Please print or type the information. Return to eileen.s@thalassemia.org or mail to Cooley's Anemia Foundation, CAF Acceleron Scholarships, 330 Seventh Ave #200, New York, NY 10001. Completed application packages must be received by May 15, 2021.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate thalassemia diagnosis: _____

Are you a resident of the United States? _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Type of program or degree you will be enrolled in for 2021-22 (please check one):

_____ **Bachelors Degree**

_____ **Masters Degree**

_____ **Doctorate Degree**

Name of College, University or School offering program:

School Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In the space below, please feel free to include any information that you feel may be of relevance in terms of your academic achievements, scholastic honors, personal accomplishments, etc.

CONSENT FORM FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION

**This form must be completed, signed and returned with your application.
Applications returned without this form will be considered incomplete.**

I consent to allowing the Cooley's Anemia Foundation, Inc. use of my name, photo and other personal information for the following purposes in order to promote this scholarship program in the following: (please check)

- _____ LIFELINE newsletter and other Cooley's Anemia Foundation printed materials
_____ CAF social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
_____ Website

It is my understanding that any information that I provide to the Cooley's Anemia Foundation may appear in advertising, publicity, films/video or other promotional materials for either public relations or public information concerning this scholarship program. I further agree that I do not expect to receive compensation for the use of any such information.

I am providing the following information. *(Please complete and sign the lower portion of this form.)*

I do NOT consent to the use of my name, photo or other personal information for any of the purposes listed above. *(Applicants still must complete and sign the lower portion of this form.)*

Name of applicant (please print)

Signature of applicant

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Date

Signature of parent or guardian (if applicant is under 21)