

**CAF-Acceleron Scholarships for Academic Achievement**  
**For Academic Year 2021-22**  
**Application for High School Seniors**

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 high school seniors and will be enrolled in a college program in the upcoming fall semester; this also includes individuals who may have completed high school prior to the spring 2021 semester but will be beginning college enrollment in fall 2021. 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](mailto:eileen.s@thalassemia.org)).
- ◆ Applicant must be a resident of the United States.
- ◆ Applicant must be enrolled in fall 2021 in an accredited college or university on a full-time basis. This grant does not apply to summer enrollment or correspondence schools.
- ◆ Applicant should be an involved member of the thalassemia community.

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- ◆ 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 high school. 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](mailto: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:
  - ◆ What is the major challenge confronting a person with thalassemia today?
  - ◆ What advice concerning thalassemia would you give to your 10-year-old self?
  - ◆ Do you think steps should be taken to reduce the incidence of thalassemia?
- ◆ (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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

*Please print or type the information. Return to [eileen.s@thalassemia.org](mailto: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)