



EPILEPSY
ASSOCIATION™
OF WESTERN AND CENTRAL PA

Fall 2021

Dear Guidance Counselors/ Financial Aid Professionals:

I am writing to tell you about the 2022 Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA's scholarship program for students who have epilepsy/seizure disorder.

The EAWCP will award **eleven** scholarships, totaling **\$12,500** year. The three applicants with the highest combined scores will receive a **\$1,500** scholarship and the remaining eight recipients will receive a **\$1,000** scholarship.

Awards will be based on the quality of the student's application determined through a competitive scoring system that balances need with achievement.

We have included a "Fact Sheet" which defines the minimum requirements for application; please encourage students who meet these criteria to apply.

All applications must be in our office no later than April 4, 2022, no exceptions.

If you have further questions or if you need more applications, please call me at 1-800-361-5885 or email Feden@eawcp.org.

Thank you for spreading the word about our scholarships!

Sincerely,

Francine Eden
Adult Services Coordinator

Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA
2022 Scholarship Program for students who have epilepsy/seizure disorder.

The EAWCP will award Eleven scholarships, totaling \$12,500 to graduating high school seniors who have epilepsy/seizure disorder and are going on to post-secondary school. The three students with the highest total scores will receive a \$1500 scholarship and the remaining scholarship recipients will receive a \$1000 scholarship.

Purpose:

To assist an individual who has epilepsy with their academic and/or vocational training.

MINIMUM APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicant must:

- 1) Have a diagnosis of epilepsy/seizure disorder; this must be confirmed by a statement from the applicant's physician
- 2) Provide proof of acceptance to a post-secondary academic or vocational program
- 3) Be a high school graduate of the class of 2022.
- 3) Attend school full-time in the 2022 - 2023 school year
- 5) Be a legal resident of Western or Central Pennsylvania
- 6) Must attend at least one of the EAWCP's Run/Walks in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Altoona or Erie

Do not staple or fold paper work. Use a paper/binder clip and return in a large envelope.

Note: Awards will be based on the quality of applications through a competitive scoring system that balances need with achievement. The Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA reserves the right to determine each year the number of scholarships given. This is a one-time award.

TIME LINE

November 2021	Scholarship Availability Announcement
April 4, 2022	Application Deadline; all scholarships must be received by April 4, 2022
May 11, 2022	Winners Award Announcement
June 25, 2022	Award Presentation at the EAWCP Family Fun Run/Walk in Pittsburgh

TO APPLY: Write or Call:

The Epilepsy Association Western and Central PA
Attn: Francine Eden
1501 Reedsdale Street - Suite 3002
Pittsburgh, PA 15233
1-800-361-5885/ Feden@eawcp.org

First Initial and Last Name _____

**EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AND CENTRAL PA
2022 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

NOTE: Complete the Application. Do not write answers on a separate paper. Incomplete applications will be discarded.

1. Contact Information

Last Name:		First Name:	
Age:		Date of Birth:	
Parent/Guardian:			
Home Address:			
City:	State: Pennsylvania	Zip:	USA
County (not country) in which you reside:			
Mailing Address (if different from above):			
City, State Zip:			
Applicant Cell Phone:			
Applicant Email:			
Parent/Guardian Phone:			
Parent Guardian Email:			

2. School Information

Name and address of school you are currently attending:	
Name and address of school you will be attending during the next academic year:	
Will you be a Full-time student?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Will you be a Part-time student?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Number of credit hours per semester/quarter:	
Major or Field of study:	

First Initial and Last Name _____

Note: verification of acceptance into the school program you will be attending must be submitted. Applicants must provide a high school transcript, class rank, and grade point average. SAT scores must be provide if they are required by the school you will attend.

3. Awards and Activities (Use separate paper, if needed)

List all special awards or honors received during school or outside school:
1)
2)
3)
4)
5)
6)
List all school extracurricular activities: 1) _____
2)
3)
4)
5)
6)
List activities outside of school: (clubs, hobbies, volunteering, employment, etc.)
1)
2)
3)
4)
5)
6)

4. Work Experience

Dates Worked	Name and Address of Employer	Hours worked per week

Attach a resume, if available.

First Initial and Last Name _____

5. Financial Data

Number of Adults in your family:	
Number of Children in your family:	
Total family income (gross) for the previous tax year:	

Please note: a copy of the applicant's family IRS filing from the previous year must accompany this application to verify income. (First 2 pages of 1040, no additional schedules please.)

6. Scores and GPA

Class Rank:	
Grade Point Average:	
SAT Scores (if required):	

7. References

List three references, including at least one teacher or advisor/counselor.
DO NOT USE RELATIVES.

Name and Address	Phone	How Known

One letter of reference must accompany your application.

First Initial and Last Name _____

8. Information about your seizure disorder:

Age of seizure onset:					
Type(s) of seizure that you experience:					
Describe a typical seizure:					
# of seizures	Per year:		Per month:		Per day:
Are your seizures controlled?		☐ Yes ☐ No			
Date of Last Seizure:					
Have you had Epilepsy Brain Surgery?		☐ Yes ☐ No			
Do you have a Vagal Nerve Stimulator?		☐ Yes ☐ No		RNS Surgery? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
List medications you are currently taking					
Medication:		Dosage :		How often:	

9. Personal Statement:

Please attach a short typed essay (220 word minimum) about your academic goals and how having epilepsy has affected or influenced these goals and your work toward achieving them. *Be sure to include your career goals, personal experiences and how you overcame adversity.*

Scholarship Presentation:

The EAWCP hosts Run/Walks in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg and participates in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community Run/Walks in Altoona and Erie. There will be a scholarship recognition at each Run/Walk. All recipients are required to attend at least **one** of the Run/Walks.

The scholarship checks will be presented at the EAWCP Family Run/Walk at PNC Park in Pittsburgh. If you are not present at the Pittsburgh Run/Walk, your scholarship will be mailed to you the Monday after the Pittsburgh Run/Walk.

First Initial and Last Name _____

Check which Run/Walk you will attend if you should be awarded a scholarship; you can attend more than one.

☐ Yes	Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, Altoona, Date TBD
☐ Yes	Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, Date TBD
☐ Yes	*Pittsburgh Pirates Family Fun Run/Walk at PNC Park, Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 9:00AM
☐ Yes	*Harrisburg Senators Family Fun Run/Walk at Metro Bank Park, August 2022. Exact date not yet determined.

** Dates of the Highmark and Harrisburg Run/Walks were not confirmed at the time of printing the scholarship application. Harrisburg Run/Walk will be in the first weeks of August, but exact date, not yet determined. Please call the EAWCP (1-800-361-7885) for further information.*

****Not being present at one or more of the Run/Walks could result in forfeiting your scholarship.**

Do you give permission to the Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA to use your name and photo in all forms of media including newspapers, newsletters and website, announcing the 2022 scholarship if you are a scholarship recipient?

Yes _____ No _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

SIGNATURE:

Applicant Signature:	
Date:	

First Initial and Last Name _____

Checklist

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED:

_____ Physician's verification of diagnosis of Epilepsy /Seizure Disorder

_____ Verification of acceptance into school

_____ School Transcripts

_____ Copy of last year's IRS filing (*First 2 pages of 1040 only.*)

_____ Resume (*if available*)

_____ Personal Reference Letter

_____ Personal Statement

_____ *** First Initial and Last Name must be on the top of each page of the application

****Do not fold or staple your paperwork. Mail in an envelope 9x12 or larger envelope.**

All applications must be received by Monday, April 4, 2022.