



The George & Linda Price Scholarship

A Program of the Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area

2024 Program Information

Mission

The George and Linda Price Scholarship Fund was developed to offer financial assistance for the pursuit of higher education and to encourage promising candidates to become future leaders in the bleeding disorders community.

Background

The Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area's George and Linda Price Scholarship was established to honor the generous volunteerism of George and Linda Price. From the time their youngest son, Greg, was diagnosed with hemophilia B, George and Linda were actively involved with the chapter. They both became members of HACA's Board of Directors in 1984 and served in various capacities on that board until the mid 1990s. Sadly, George passed away in 2015, but Linda is still involved in chapter activities.

Eligibility

Members of the Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area who have a bleeding disorder, as well as their siblings, parents or spouses, are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to those members who actively participate in HACA activities and individuals affected with a bleeding disorder. The applicant's home must be in Prince George's or Montgomery County, Maryland; Northern Virginia; or Washington, DC.

Any eligible member may apply for a scholarship. Transcript requirement will vary if the applicant has been out of high school or college for more than 5 years.

Scholarships

For 2024-2025, HACA will offer up to \$16,000 in scholarships. The award amount will vary based on number of applicants that are selected, including participants in the Job Readiness grant program as well.

The scholarships may be used at any accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school in the United States and are to be applied toward a student's educational expenses.

A student who receives an award in one year may reapply in later years but winning a scholarship in one year does not necessarily mean that the student will win in a later year. Also, a student who applies in one year and does not receive an award is eligible to apply the following year for the scholarship.

Application Procedure

HACA will announce the beginning of the award competition by April 1 of each year.

Applications are distributed to those who request them by mail or for download from the HACA web site at www.HACAcare.org.

Detailed instructions are contained in the application.

All applications along with supporting documents must be **received in the HACA offices by June 1.** Applications and/or supporting documents received after this date will not be considered. Incomplete applications will also not be considered.

Transcripts must be sent via US mail, but recommendation letters and the application may be sent via email to director@hacacares.org. It is up to the applicant to follow up and make sure these items are received by the chapter.

Scholarship applicants will be notified of the committee's findings by **July 1.**

Payment of Scholarship Funds

Scholarship payments for undergraduate work or technical program tuition are made via checks, payable to the schools, and are sent to the recipients by HACA.

For schools on the semester system, the first check for one half of the award is mailed on or about August 1. The second check for the remainder of the award is mailed on or about December 1. If the school or institution you will be attending operates on a different system, please notify HACA.

Scholarship payments for graduate work can be made payable to the school or as a reimbursement to the recipient. A request for reimbursement for educational expenses incurred by the recipients must be sent to the chapter. Scholarship recipients must present evidence that they have paid the educational expenses to be reimbursed, or they may present an invoice from the school as evidence that payment must be made. Only payments for tuition can be reimbursed.

Responsibilities of Recipients

Scholarship recipients must be enrolled as a student in the fall of the year in which the scholarships are awarded and continue in school for the entire academic year without interruption, barring illness, emergency, or military service. If a scholarship recipient leaves school during the semester, HACA may ask for reimbursement of scholarship funds. If the recipient does not plan to return for the subsequent semester, please notify HACA so that the check does not get sent.

Scholarship recipients are responsible for making certain that their scholarship checks are delivered to their colleges. Recipients must provide HACA with the information on where to send the check, as well as other pertinent information such as a student identification number.

The recipient is responsible for determining the impact of the scholarship or grant on their annual tax returns. For more information, go to <https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc421> or talk to a tax return preparer.

Price Scholarship Application and Instructions

Application Instructions - Read very carefully and follow exactly.

The following instructions must be followed carefully to receive full consideration for a Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area scholarship. Failure to follow instructions can be deemed reason for exclusion from the scholarship competition.

- School Records – Follow the appropriate bullet below regarding school records.
 - ✓ HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: Complete the **High School Record Request Form**. See that it reaches the office of the high school you are now attending or from which you graduated **by May 1**. **A high school record is required only for high school seniors requesting funds to begin an undergraduate degree program or technical school.**
 - ✓ COLLEGE FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS: If you are a college freshman, sophomore, or junior, attach an **Official College Transcript** of your college grades to your application. The transcript must contain grades for the first semester or quarter of the current academic year. A grade report is not an official transcript.
 - ✓ COLLEGE SENIORS: If you are a **college senior** planning on graduate studies, enclose an official transcript of your college grades from your freshman year through the first semester or quarter of your senior year in college. Follow the remaining steps below.
 - ✓ GRADUATE STUDENTS: If you are **already enrolled in graduate school**, enclose an official transcript of your undergraduate work and an official transcript of your graduate work through the first semester or quarter of the current academic year. Follow the remaining steps below.
 - ✓ TECHNICAL SCHOOL STUDENT: If you are **already enrolled in a technical school**, please enclose a transcript of your grades for the first semester or quarter of the current academic year. If your school uses another method of grade reporting besides transcripts, please notify HACA.
 - ✓ NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS: If you are beginning or returning to school after an extended period (more than five years) after high school or college, **a transcript is not required.**
- **By May 1**, ask two individuals to write letters of recommendation for you. Please complete the **Letter of Recommendation Cover Sheet** and provide one letter of recommendation from an academic reference (teacher, counselor, etc.) and one personal letter of recommendation (employer, athletic coach, band director, etc.), for a total of **TWO** letters. A letter from the hemophilia treatment center is NOT required. If you are a non-traditional student and have not

been a student for more than five years, a letter from an employer or colleague, and a letter from any personal reference (except a family member) would suffice.

- Complete the **Scholarship Application Form**.
- Complete the **HACA Activity Form**.
 - a. If this is your first time completing the scholarship form, answer one of the following questions: “What activity would you like HACA to offer which is not currently being offered and why?” Your response should contain a minimum of 200 words.
 - b. If you are reapplying for the scholarship, answer the following question: “What have you learned or experienced during this past year of school that could benefit HACA?” Your essay should contain a minimum of 200 words.
- Complete the **Essay Form**. The topic of the essay should be:
 - a. If this is your first time completing the scholarship form, answer the following question: “What I have done to contribute to the bleeding disorders community and how I plan to contribute to the bleeding disorders community in the future.” Your essay should contain a minimum of 500 words.
 - b. If you are applying for the scholarship for an additional year, answer the following questions: “How did receiving a scholarship from HACA benefit you this past school year, and what have you learned that could be beneficial to the bleeding disorders community in the future?” Your essay should contain a minimum of 500 words.
- Applications and essays may be emailed to director@hacacares.org by June 1. Letters of recommendation may be faxed or emailed. Transcripts should be mailed.

Mailing Address:

The George and Linda Price Scholarship
HACA
6412 Brandon Avenue, Suite 412
Springfield, VA 22150
Fax: 540-427-6589
E-mail: director@hacacares.org

Forms **must be received** in the office by June 1

Application Form

To be filled out by student. Please print or type in black ink.

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
First Middle Initial Last

Home Address: _____
Street/PO Box Apt/Unit #

_____ City State ZIP

Home Telephone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Do you have: Hemophilia A Hemophilia B von Willebrand's Disease Other _____

I am a _____ sibling or _____ parent of a person with a bleeding disorder.

Next semester, I plan to attend: _____
Name of college, university, vocational/technical school and city/state

I plan to major in: _____

My long-range career objective is: _____

List all schools attended in grades 9 through 12:

Name of High School	City/State	Attendance Dates (year)
1.		
2.		
3.		

Do you feel that your high school grades were an accurate index of your ability? Yes No

If not, what were the factors that prevented you from doing better? _____

If you have already attended college, list all colleges and universities you have attended and dates of attendance. List first the institution you are presently attending or last attended.

Name of College/University	City/State	Attendance Dates (month/year)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

FOR HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS: What special recognition have you received for outstanding schoolwork, athletics, community involvement or other extracurricular activities in high school and/or college/technical school?

FOR GRADUATE STUDENT APPLICANTS: Please provide information as to your post-undergraduate college work experience.

FOR NON-TRADITIONAL APPLICANTS (returning to school after working several years, changing career path, etc.): Please provide information about your work experience, as well as any community involvement, special recognition, etc.

Release of Information Waiver

I am an individual with a congenital bleeding disorder or a parent or sibling of a person with a bleeding disorder in need of financial assistance to complete vocational, undergraduate, or graduate studies at an accredited institution of higher education. I authorize the release of information to the Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area to verify all statements made in this application. I also give permission to use my name/and or photo in HACA's web site, HACA News, or any other press release that HACA deems appropriate.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Completed applications can be emailed to director@hacacares.org.

Transcripts can be mailed to:

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HACA Activity Response for George and Linda Price Scholarship

Applicant's Name: _____

Use the space below or an additional attached sheet to respond to the following topic. Your response should be a minimum of 200 words long.

First-time applicants: What activity would you like HACA to offer which is not currently being offered and why?

Reapplying: What have you learned or experienced during this past year of school that could benefit HACA?

Essay for George and Linda Price Scholarship

Applicant's Name: _____

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First-time applicants: What I have done to contribute to the bleeding disorders community and/or how I plan to contribute to the bleeding disorders community in the future.

Reapplying: How did receiving a scholarship from HACA benefit you this past school year, and what have you learned that could be beneficial to the bleeding disorders community in the future?

Letter of Recommendation Cover Sheet

Please obtain at least one letter of recommendation from an academic reference (teacher, counselor, etc.) and one personal letter of recommendation (employer, athletic coach, band director, etc.)

We suggest contacting this person by May 1.

Name of applicant: _____

Recommendation Letter By:

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Position and/or relationship to applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Please mail, email or fax this completed form along with your letter of recommendation **for receipt by June 1** directly to:

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High School Record Request Form

Instructions to applicant:

High school transcripts are needed for applicants who are high school seniors only.

1. Complete only the "To" and "From" sections of this form.
2. Get the form to your high school guidance office **by May 1**.

REMEMBER: You are responsible for making sure all requested documents reach HACA.

To: Guidance Office

Name of School: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ **Contact Name:** _____

From: Scholarship Applicant

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Social Security Number: _____ **Year of High School Graduation:** _____

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, permission is hereby given to school officials to release the secondary school record and other requested information.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guidance Counselor:

The student named above is applying for a scholarship. Please follow the instructions below.

1. Fill the boxes below with the requested information.
2. **Staple to this form** a copy of the applicant's high school record. Be sure that the applicant's class rank and test scores appear on the records.
3. Sign the certification statement below.

Check one: Public High School Private High School Special or Magnet School

Class Rank		ACT composite (not percentile)	PSAT Verbal (not percentile)	PSAT Math (not percentile)	SAT Verbal (not percentile)	SAT Math (not percentile)
Number in Class						

I certify that the above information is correct:

Counselor's Signature

Mail this form along with the high school record, **for receipt by June 1** to:

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6412 Brandon Avenue, Suite 412
Springfield, VA 22150