



2026 Scholarship Program Application

Students Thriving with Epilepsy or Seizure Disorder

The Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA (EAWCP) will award a minimum of 10 scholarships, totaling \$11,500 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 \$1,500 scholarship and the remaining seven (7) scholarship recipients will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Purpose:

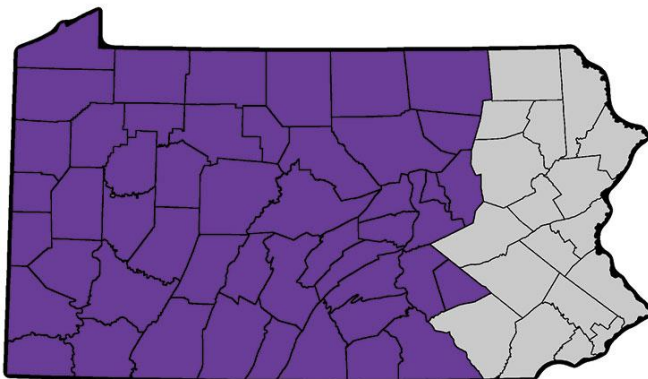
To assist an individual who has epilepsy with their academic and/or vocational training.

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 your intent to attend a post-secondary academic or vocational program**
- 3) **Be a high school graduate of the class of 2026.**
- 4) **Be enrolled full-time in your 2025 - 2026 high school senior year**
- 5) **Be a legal resident of Western or Central Pennsylvania. (See map below.)**
- 6) **If selected, recipients are invited to attend at least one of the EAWCP's Run/Walk Fundraising events in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, or Erie for a scholarship check presentation.**

The EAWCP offers its nationally recognized programs and services throughout the 49 counties of western and central Pennsylvania. (See the map for county eligibility)



First Initial and Last Name _____



TO APPLY: Write or Call:

**2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

Attn: Jordan Hinds
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Pittsburgh, PA 15233
1-800-361-5885/ jhinds@eawcp.org
412-322-7885 (FAX)

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

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

October 2025	Scholarship Availability Announcement
April 6, 2026	Application Deadline; all scholarships must be received by April 6, 2026
May 11, 2026	Winners Award Announcement
June 2026	Award Presentation at the EAWCP Family Fun Run/Walk in Pittsburgh
June 2026	Award Presentation at EAWCP Run/Walk in Erie
August 2026	Award Presentations at EAWCP Family Run/Walk in Harrisburg

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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:	

Note: verification of acceptance into the post high school program you will be attending must be submitted. Applicants must provide a high school transcript, class rank, and grade point average.

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

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

Dates Worked	Name and Address of Employer	Hours worked per week

****Attach a resume, if available.***

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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 (optional):	

7. References

Include one letter of reference to accompany your application. (DO NOT USE RELATIVES.)

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 goals and how having epilepsy has affected or influenced your life. Tell us about how epilepsy has influenced your life and what you wish people knew about epilepsy. *Be sure to include your personal experiences and how you overcame adversity.*

Scholarship Presentation:

The EAWCP hosts Family Run/Walks in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg and participates in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community in Erie. There will be a scholarship presentations at each of these events. All recipients are invited and should make an effort to attend at least **one** of the Run/Walks to participate in a scholarship presentation ceremony and receive recognition of their achievement.

Scholarship checks will be mailed out to scholarship recipients who are not able to attend one of the Family Run/Walk for Epilepsy events.

Check which Run/Walk event you think you will attend if you are awarded a scholarship; you can attend more than one.

☐ Yes	*Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, June 2026. Exact date not yet determined.
☐ Yes	*Pittsburgh Pirates Family Fun Run/Walk at PNC Park, June 2026. Exact date not yet determined.
☐ Yes	*Harrisburg Senators Family Fun Run/Walk at Metro Bank Park, August 2026. 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.*

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If awarded a 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 2026 scholarship if you are a scholarship recipient?

Yes _____ No _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

SIGNATURE:

Applicant Signature:	
Date:	

Checklist

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED:

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

_____ Verification of acceptance into post high school education or training program

_____ 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 6, 2026.

Scholarship Programs

for graduating high school seniors

Scan the QR code for the
EAWCP Scholarship Program



EAWCP Scholarship:

In 2026, the Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA (EAWCP) will award 10 scholarships, seven \$1,000 and three \$1,500 scholarships.

To be eligible for the EAWCP Scholarship, a person must:

- Have a diagnosis of epilepsy/seizure disorder
 - Provide proof of acceptance to a post-secondary academic or vocational program
 - Attend school full-time as a high school senior
 - Be a legal resident of western/central Pennsylvania
- Applications are available beginning in October and are due in April. If you are interested in applying for the EAWCP scholarship program, please download the application by scanning the QR code on the left.

Scan the QR code for EAA
PNES Scholarship Program



Other EAA Scholarship Opportunities:

- Epilepsy Alliance America (EAA) manages a scholarship program for students with a diagnosis of psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES) who are pursuing higher level education at a university or college or a trade, technical or professional school, using the funds from Dr. Myers. Awards are based on the quality of applications through a competitive scoring system that balances need with achievement. Awards are restricted to residents of the United States. If you are interested in applying for the PNES scholarship, please scan the QR code on the left.
- EAA also offers valuable resources to help students with epilepsy secure financial support for their studies on their scholarship page. Please review all of their scholarship opportunities by scanning the QR code on the left.

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Scholarship Opportunities



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