



**CITIZENS UNITED FOR
RESEARCH IN EPILEPSY**

Education Enrichment Fund GUIDELINES

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Thanks to the generous funding provided by **Lundbeck**, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE) is proud to introduce the **CURE Education Enrichment Fund Scholarship Program**. The purpose of this Scholarship Program is to provide a one-time scholarship of up to **\$5,000** to CURE Crew Sponsors who are living with epilepsy, including patients, family members and caregivers of people living with epilepsy. The intent of these scholarships is for use toward coursework designed to advance their own personal knowledge in research, health education, advocacy and/or awareness, as it relates to their own struggles with this neurological disease.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS *To apply, you must certify that you are:*

1. Diagnosed with epilepsy by a physician or the immediate family member (parent, spouse, child or sibling) and/or caregiver of a person living with epilepsy. Caregivers are defined as any individual who provides unpaid, personal care for a person living with epilepsy.
2. Seeking to advance your personal knowledge in the field of epilepsy, as it relates to research, health education, awareness, and/or advocacy. Coursework may include online training, training certifications, vocational coursework, academic coursework, or any other applicable courses*. Coursework may be completed at any training center, vocational institution, or academic institution the applicant chooses.
**Applicability of coursework is at the discretion of the Education Enrichment Fund Selection Committee.*
3. Not an employee (or an immediate family member of an employee) of Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE) or Lundbeck. Immediate family members are defined as spouses, domestic partners, children, parents, grandchildren, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, stepchildren, stepsisters and stepbrothers. Additionally, healthcare professionals who directly or indirectly influence the prescribing of epilepsy medications, and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.

CURE Mission Statement

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RECIPIENT SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of recipients will be at the sole discretion the Education Enrichment Fund Selection Committee chosen by CURE. Scholarship amounts will be up to \$5,000 to cover the recipient's tuition, books, and any other course-required materials.** After a recipient's enrollment in their intended coursework has been verified and an institutional invoice for all educational expenses has been received, the scholarship check will be made payable to and mailed directly to the institution where the coursework will be completed. However, if the recipient does not have a minimum of \$5,000 in tuition and/or other approved educational expenses owed for his/her schooling, any remaining scholarship money will be forfeited.

***Course-required materials must be listed in the course description of the institution's course catalog or course syllabus and approval is at the sole discretion of the Education Enrichment Fund Selection Committee.*

PROCEDURES

To apply, please submit a completed application, a recent, non-returnable photograph of yourself, and all required support documents listed below, postmarked by **April 15th, 2018**.

- Sections of the application will need to be completed by the applicant and a parent/guardian (if the applicant is under 18).
- Selection will be based on the following criteria, which must be included:
 - **An essay** (500-word maximum; double-spaced and 12 pt font) authored by the applicant explaining why he or she should be selected for the scholarship (e.g., outstanding awards, community involvement, etc.), how epilepsy has impacted the applicant's life, either as a person living with epilepsy or as a family member/caregiver, and how the scholarship will benefit the applicant. The focus of the essay should reflect how the applicants' prior experiences have led them becoming an "agent of change" in the epilepsy community.
 - **Previous Professional Experience, Community Service, and Extracurricular Involvement** as evidenced by resume and/or responses in Professional and Extracurricular Achievements section of application. Applicant should focus answers as a summary of their leadership skills and achievements that have shaped them in becoming the person they are today.
 - **Letter of Recommendation** (1) from Academic Professional, Community official, or Healthcare Team member.
- Additional pages can be attached to the application if more space is needed for responses.

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