

Robin H. Preston Scholarship Foundation

Overview

Robin H. Preston was a mother of a teen-aged son and daughter when she received her cancer diagnosis, and her goal was to see her children graduate High School and College. This goal was partially realized for her daughter, as Robin was able to see her daughter high school but not for her son, as Robin passed away from breast cancer in 2016. This Foundation was discussed prior to her death, and Robin was instrumental in determining the criteria for the award. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has lost a parent to breast cancer or a student whose parent is a breast cancer survivor/patient. The Robin H. Preston Scholarship Foundation is a federally approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

According to the terms of this scholarship, a student will be selected on the basis of eligibility, essays grades, community service, high school athletic involvement, and recommendations. Financial need will not be a consideration.

Scholarship winners are required to participate in at least one breast cancer awareness project during their scholarship school year. Recipients may complete this requirement on their own or through other organizations in fulfilling this requirement.

The Robin H. Preston Foundation shows no bias toward students of any particular race, religion, or gender. None of these will be considered in awarding scholarships.

A \$1500 SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

Due to the volume of applicants, we may not be able to notify each individual student of our decisions. **Winners will be notified personally by phone and/or presented the scholarship notification at their respective High School awards night.** The scholarship award will be paid directly to the winner's college or university.

Eligibility

Students applying for scholarships from the Robin H. Preston Scholarship Foundation must meet the following criteria:

- Student must have lost a parent to breast cancer or complications relating from the disease OR have a parent who has survived or currently receiving treatment for breast cancer.
- **STUDENT MUST BE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE WITHIN HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.**
- Student must be a **current high school senior who will graduate the year of application.**
- Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Must have participated High School Athletics
- Student must be a legal resident of the United States.
- Student must be accepted as a full-time enrollee in an undergraduate program at either a two or four-year accredited college or university.

Required Documentation

NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE April 2, 2018.

- Please print or type one entire application. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.
- Please include ONE official copy of your school transcript, sealed and signed by school official across the envelope seal (may be sent to us separately by school per school policy).
- 3 letters of recommendation must be included. Each recommendation must be in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature across the envelope seal. We encourage you to seek recommendation letters from teachers, counselors, coaches, ministers, civic/community leaders, or employers, rather than family members.
- Please **E-MAIL** at least one photo of yourself to the email listed below. Photos could be senior portrait-type shots. We would also like a photo of yourself with your parent who was affected by breast cancer, if possible. (Photos that are e-mailed are easier to transfer to our website and Facebook page. Thanks for your cooperation.)
- Official documentation of your parent's cancer **must** be included. This could include a note from a doctor, diagnosis documents, or a death certificate. Personal medical information will always be kept confidential IAW HIPAA.

Student Essay

One typewritten essay is required for each applicant. **Your full name should be included at the top of each page.** Essay should be typed and attached to the application form. Your essay will be the primary selection criteria for this award.

The essay topic is required for all applicants and should be a minimum of five paragraphs:

How will receiving this scholarship affect you and your family?

Choose from any of the topics below and add to your essay:

How has the occurrence of cancer in your parent impacted your life?

What was the biggest adjustment in your life since your parent's battle with cancer began/ended?

What have you learned from this experience and how might you help others because of it?

What do you prize more now than before this experience?

What advice would you give to a child whose parent has just been diagnosed with breast cancer?

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2018 Application Checklist

Before submitting your application, please be sure you have included the following items:

- _____ 1 copy of the completed and **signed** application
- _____ 2 copies of written essay. Each page should have your name and address at the top.
- _____ 1 copy of deceased parent's death certificate or physician verification of breast cancer diagnosis for surviving parent
- _____ 1 copy of official transcript, sealed and signed by school official across the envelope seal (may be sent to us separately by school per school policy)
- _____ 3 recommendation letters, sealed and signed across seal by writer
- _____ 1 copy of list of honors, activities, offices held, volunteer/church work, etc.
- _____ At least one photograph of yourself or with your affected parent emailed to the address below.
Please include your name and the word "application" in the message line.

You will not be considered for the Scholarship if documents are not received.

All documents must be mailed together in one envelope.

WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND SENDING BY CERTIFIED MAIL TO ENSURE DELIVERY.

Mail Completed Application and Documents to:
Robin H. Preston Scholarship Foundation
PO Box 8316
Warner Robins, Georgia 31095-8316

Email information:
RHPFoundation@Hotmail.com

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