

Tragedy to Triumph Foundation

"Without a past there is no future"

2026

Scholarship Application

Please send completed scholarship application to:

Tragedy to Triumph Foundation
1421 Notting Hill Dr.
Lemont, IL. 60439

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Application deadline June 1, 2026

Before applying, please read these instructions very carefully. Be sure that you meet the eligibility criteria and that you can fulfill the scholarship requirements.

Fill out the application form completely. Type or print clearly in black ink. Please note that your application will not be considered for review unless the application, as well as all supporting material is postmarked by June 1st. In fairness to all, no exceptions will be granted. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. No materials will be returned.

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for this scholarship:

- ☐ Applicants must be an Illinois, Indiana, Iowa or Wisconsin resident.
- ☐ Applicants must have had an injury or illness that was treated in a burn unit.
- ☐ Applicants must currently be a high school senior or have a high school diploma.

Awards will be based on the required essay, academic performance, **community service**, economic need, career/life aspirations and the impact your burn injury had on your life. The decision of the scholarship committee is final.

A scholarship will be awarded for a one-year period, **July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027**, to be applied toward tuition, fees, and other school related expenses. The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's school.

The foundation **strongly encourages** scholarship recipients to attend the annual awards banquet on July 21, 2026. This is subject to change.

No cover letter is necessary. Be sure to keep a copy of your application in case the original is lost in the mail.

Completed applications and related attachments should be postmarked by **June 1, 2026** and mailed to:

Tragedy to Triumph Foundation Scholarship
1421 Notting Hill Dr.
Lemont, IL. 60439
630-408-2775

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names: _____

Current School Information: _____

City

State

Current Cumulative GPA: _____ (4.0 scale) Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Educational Institution you plan to attend:

Institution Name

Phone Number

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Intended Course of Study: _____

Financial Need: Please provide your family's estimated combined annual income in U.S. dollars. _____

Please provide the **total** amount of assistance, grants and other scholarship funds you will be receiving in U.S. dollars. _____

*Total Cost of Tuition _____ Room & Board _____ Books _____

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On a separate sheet of paper, please address the following:

☐ **Awards, Recognition, Activities and Community Service**

Please list all school and community related activities and honors over the last four years.

☐ **Financial Situation**

Describe your plans for financing your education, including other scholarships and any extenuating circumstances.

☐ **Essay**

In 500 words or more please describe the circumstances of your injury or illness and how that injury has affected your life. Also, please describe your career goals, and how they have been affected by your burn injury.

***Essays for applicants who have previously received a scholarship from Tragedy to Triumph should also include the circumstances of your injury or illness, but should also describe any updated scholastic accomplishments, personal development and/or community service within the last year. (Selection Committee may not remember your circumstances or they may be new members on the committee)**

Please obtain and provide the following:

☐ **Letters of Recommendation and Validation**

- Please provide one letter of recommendation. This may be from a teacher, an employer or someone you know in the community. If you are a returning recipient, please provide an **updated recommendation**.
- If you are a **first-time** applicant to the scholarship, please provide a letter from a medical professional that can verify the type and severity of the injury or illness that required treatment in a burn unit. This letter should include information regarding the total body surface area affected by your injury as well as the depth or degree of the injury.

☐ **Transcript**

Please include an **official** transcript of your high school grades. In addition, if you are already enrolled in another educational institution (college, university, technical school), please include your most recent **official** transcript.

☐ **Photo**

Please affix a **recent photo** of yourself to this application or e-mail a photo to dave@fttf.org. If you are emailing a photo, please indicate that you have done so or will be doing so before June 1, 2026.

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Checklist:

Your application will not be considered unless the following is completed in its **entirety**:

- ___ Student Application
- ___ Awards, Recognition, Activities and Community Service
- ___ Financial Situation
- ___ Essay
- ___ One **recent** letter of recommendation
- ___ One letter of burn injury validation (**New Applicants**)
- ___ Most recent **official** transcript
- ___ Recent photo

****applicants are scored based on academic dedication, community involvement, impact of injury, financial need, and aspirations**

Applicants of the Tragedy to Triumph Foundation scholarships are required to affirm the following:

- I have read all the instructions and hereby apply for the Tragedy to Triumph Scholarship. I affirm that all information I have provided is true.
- I authorize Tragedy to Triumph Foundation to request and receive information regarding my enrollment status at both my secondary school and the institution where I will use the scholarship.
- If I withdraw from the institution for which I will use the scholarship, I will inform Tragedy to Triumph Foundation immediately.
- I grant Tragedy to Triumph Foundation permission to use my name, photo, application essay, career goals, and the name of the institution I will be attending publicly in order to endorse the Tragedy to Triumph Foundation's goals and scholarship program.
- I will keep Tragedy to Triumph Foundation informed of my graduation date, my post-graduate employment/education plans and how the Foundation scholarship has benefited my life.

Signature

Date