OH, HOW YOU SHINE!

2021 AWARD WINNERS

ABBVIE CF SCHOLARSHIP
LEARN, CREATE, ACHIEVE.
WELL, WE ALL SHINE ON, LIKE THE MOON, AND THE STARS, AND THE SUN. –JOHN LENNON
AbbVie is honored and excited to celebrate the 40 shining winners of the 29th annual Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Scholarships. All of those who entered the competition demonstrated astonishing brilliance and power to meet the challenges of living with CF. They study, learn, create, compete, and thrive—and along the way they inspire others.

The award, $3,000 for use during the academic year, helps young adults who have CF continue their pursuit of higher education.

Two of these students (an undergraduate and a graduate) are then selected to receive the Thriving Student Scholarship, winning an additional $22,000 each.

These dedicated young adults are ready to achieve a diverse set of personal and career goals. To fulfill their dreams, each is enrolled in or has been accepted to a community college, college, university, or trade school.
NOTHING CAN DIM THE LIGHT WHICH SHINES FROM WITHIN.

—MAYA ANGELOU
The AbbVie CF Scholarship is part of AbbVie’s ongoing commitment to the CF community, which comprises over 30,000 children and adults in the United States and their extended support systems.

The AbbVie CF Scholarship funds are awarded solely for use toward qualified educational expenses under applicable federal tax laws.

It is not necessary for applicants to have taken, currently take, or intend to take any medication or product marketed by AbbVie, and this is not a consideration in the recipient selection criteria.

In order to be eligible, applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate degree (associate’s/two-year college, bachelor’s/four-year college, trade/vocational school) or graduate degree (master’s, doctorate, MD, JD) and must have completed high school or obtained a General Educational Development (GED) certification.

Applications for the CF scholarships are submitted from mid-March through the end of April. A panel of judges selected by AbbVie ranks submissions using a point system based on academic record, extracurricular activities, personal essay, and creative presentation. The 40 scholars with the most cumulative points receive the $3,000 award for the academic year. Award recipients are notified in mid-June.

Thriving Student Scholars are selected based on their submissions plus online votes submitted by the public, and the Thriving Award recipients are notified in early- to mid-September.

AbbVie continues over a quarter-century of commitment to helping people with CF. Since 1993, more than $3.58 million in scholarship funds have been awarded, making a remarkable impact on the lives and dreams of remarkable individuals.

If you would like more information about the AbbVie CF Scholarship, please visit www.AbbVieCFScholarship.com
ARTISTIC PRESENTATIONS CREATED IN ANY MEDIUM REFLECT OUR WINNERS’ EXPERIENCES

Awards reflect superior academic achievement and meaningful extracurricular activities. Applicants must also submit a 250-word personal essay. This year’s essay question was “Living through a global pandemic with a chronic illness, what is one piece of inspirational advice that you would give to other students with CF who are in the same or similar position?” Additionally, applicants must present a creative work in any medium, such as video, drawing, painting, or sculpture, that reflects their experiences.

THRIVING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Two of our CF scholars are also awarded a Thriving Student Scholarship, based on level of study. AbbVie is honored to recognize the exceptional attitudes, accomplishments, and spirit of these scholars.

The Thriving Undergraduate and Graduate Student Scholarships were created in 2011. These additional scholarship funds provide AbbVie CF Scholarship recipients with the opportunity to earn additional funding and to share their achievements and success stories with people across the country.

Each Thriving Student receives $22,000 in addition to the CF scholarship award of $3,000, for a total of $25,000 to be used during the academic calendar year in pursuit of higher education.
YOUR NEED FOR ACCEPTANCE CAN MAKE YOU INVISIBLE IN THIS WORLD. DON’T LET ANYTHING STAND IN THE WAY OF THE LIGHT THAT SHINES THROUGH THIS FORM. RISK BEING SEEN IN ALL OF YOUR GLORY.

—JIM CARREY
As long as you keep moving forward, how far you get in one day doesn’t matter.

“Find a positive for each obstacle you encounter.”
Elyse M.
Chicago Pulmonary Specialists
University of Wisconsin – Madison
Undergraduate

“If's important to take care of ourselves mentally during difficult times.”

Mary O.
Pierre A. Vauthy Cystic Fibrosis Center of Northwest Ohio
University of Toledo
Undergraduate

“To thrive every day, find the thing that makes you want to wake up and fight for it.”
Mikayla P.
Children's Respiratory & Critical Care Specialists (MN)
University of St. Thomas (MN)
Undergraduate

“My compassion for those facing social isolation drives my goal to make a difference.”

Sarina S.
University of Minnesota
University of North Dakota
Graduate

“The world needs our community’s strength now more than ever.”
SHINE ON, 2021 CF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

NORTHEAST

Abbey L.
Monmouth Medical Center
University of South Florida
Undergraduate

“Live every day with resilience and gratitude.”

Brian D.
Antonio J. and Janet Palumbo Cystic Fibrosis Center
University of Pittsburgh – Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business
Graduate

“The way we conquer challenges defines our character.”
Cameron G.
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Cystic Fibrosis Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Undergraduate

“In situations like these, those of us with chronic illness can’t fear leaning on others.”

Elena L.
RWJBarnabas Health
University of Rhode Island
Undergraduate

“Never give up on seeing the good in something that seems bad.”
Emma J.
Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children
University of Delaware
Undergraduate

“Adapting to rapidly changing circumstances takes strength and resiliency.”

Faith E.
Massachusetts General Hospital
Gordon College
Undergraduate

“We can choose to take personal initiative in establishing healthy habits.”
Gabriel N.
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Manchester
Plymouth State University
Undergraduate

“Find a passion, such as music, and make time for it every day.”

Jessica H.
Duke University Hospital
Western Carolina University
Graduate

“Focus on what you can control.”
Kate M.
Adult CF Center at Maine Medical Center
University of New Hampshire
Undergraduate

“We are stronger than we think. Never count yourself out.”

Katherine R.
Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children
University of Delaware
Undergraduate

“Take every opportunity to get involved and connect with others.”
Lauren B.
DuPont
Temple University
Undergraduate

“Hold on to your dreams. You are capable of more than you can imagine.”

Louisa Kathleen P.
UNC
Pfeiffer University
Undergraduate

“Don’t be deterred by isolation. Use it to identify what and who brings joy.”
Mariam A.
*Children's National Medical Center*
University of Mary Washington
*Undergraduate*

“You never know how much your experiences can inspire those around you.”

Melissa W.
*Inova Fairfax Hospital*
Saint Joseph's University
*Graduate*

“Mental health is a vital organ that needs caring for just as much as my lungs do.”
Mica M.
UVM Medical Center Adult CF
California Institute of Integral Studies
Graduate

“Never take for granted how valuable and healing it is to gather with families and friends.”

Olivia B.
Johns Hopkins Cystic Fibrosis Center
Salisbury University
Undergraduate

“Gratitude is the first step to conquering adversity.”
“Never give up in a rough patch because you may become stuck there.”

Ryan P.
UBMD Pediatric Lung and Cystic Fibrosis Center
University at Buffalo
Undergraduate

“Looking to the good things to come helps us get through the difficulties we see daily.”

Sara M.
Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Center at Boston Children’s Hospital
Emmanuel College
Undergraduate

“Never give up in a rough patch because you may become stuck there.”
“Take every big or little setback as an opportunity.”

Sydney W.
UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh CF Care Center
Geneva College
Undergraduate
“Take care of your mental health because it is just as important as your physical health.”

“There will always be a light at the end of the tunnel.”
Faith H.
Phoenix Children’s Hospital
Grand Canyon University
Graduate

“Being successful is not defined by immediacy nor perfection.”

Caden B.
Dr. Santiago Reyes, Pediatric Pulmonology
INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center
Rose State College
Undergraduate

“Discover ways to connect with your community, and diligently help others.”
Macee S.
UT Southwestern
Dallas Baptist University
Undergraduate

“Advocate for your right to succeed on a level playing field.”

Joshua H.
Phoenix Children’s Hospital (Adult Cystic Fibrosis)
Arizona State University
Undergraduate

“Never take a moment for granted.”
Sophia L.
The Cystic Fibrosis Center at Stanford
University of California – Davis
Undergraduate

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Valanci V.

Cystic Fibrosis and Bronchiectasis Clinic – Cottage Health
California Polytechnic State University
Graduate

“You will come out of this like the warrior you always have been.”
Faith D.
Arnold Palmer Hospital Cystic Fibrosis Center
University of Florida
Undergraduate

“As a community, we are equipped to handle this pandemic, together.”

Bryce C.
UAB CF Center
Auburn University
Undergraduate

“Especially in tough times, stay connected with your friends and loved ones.”
Joey B.
Medical University of South Carolina
University of Texas – Austin
Undergraduate

“It is our job to celebrate others and have them celebrate us.”

Leila B.
Central Florida Pulmonary Group
University of Central Florida
Undergraduate

“Push through tough times that might seem impossible.”
Lily Kate A.
UT Methodist Physicians Pulmonology
University of Memphis
Graduate

“Reconnect, reprioritize, and reimagine solutions to problems that have long been in place.”

Travis H.
Central Florida Pulmonary Group
University of Central Florida
Undergraduate

“I will dictate my own future rather than fall victim to my diagnosis.”
NEVER DULL YOUR SHINE FOR SOMEBODY ELSE.

–TYRA BANKS
“ABBVIE IS HONORED TO REWARD STUDENTS WHO EXEMPLIFY THE PASSION AND DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS IN THEIR ACADEMIC CAREERS. EVERY ABBVIE CF SCHOLAR INSPIRES US WITH THEIR COMMITMENT TO EMBRACE LIFE, REACHING NEW HEIGHTS IN THEIR ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLES … YOU ARE ALL SHINING STARS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURES OF THOSE LIVING WITH CF FOR YEARS TO COME.”

–LISA PEISER
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