

College Scholarship Opportunities

Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York Scholarships

The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York, Inc. is offering college scholarships to graduating high school seniors or students who will be enrolled at any post high school institution of higher learning. These scholarships include:

- ***The Nick Birchak Strength of Character Scholarship - \$1,000***
- ***The Barbara Quackenbush Scholarship - \$1,000***
- ***The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York Scholarship - \$1,000***
- ***The Stephen Piorkowski Scholarship - \$1,000***
- ***The Cindy Hoetzer Scholarships – Two at \$500 each***

Scholarships will be awarded to students who are currently being treated for epilepsy and have plans to further their education. Recipients of these scholarships in the past are not eligible for additional awards. In addition, students must reside in one of 22 counties served by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York.*

The **deadline** for submitting an application is **Friday, May 15, 2026**. Students only need to submit one application to be considered for all awards. If you have any further questions or wish to receive an application, contact Rachel Ifebuzo, Counselor and Program Coordinator at 518.456.7501 or via email at rifebuzo@epilepsyneny.org.

NYU FACES College Scholarship Program

The FACES College Scholarship provides partial financial support for the education of incoming freshmen or currently enrolled undergraduate/graduate students affected by epilepsy and seizure disorders. The award amounts will vary and will not exceed \$1,000 per student, depending on the applicant's financial need. They are seeking to recognize the personal accomplishments of those living with epilepsy during their college journey. Past scholarship recipients are welcome to apply again. **To apply, submit your application and all supporting documents by: June 3, 2026.**

Info on this scholarship program can be found here:

https://nyumc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_emS1xyMUwu1EFbU

UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program

In 2026, UCB will award 30 scholarships of up to \$5,000 and 3 scholarships of up to \$10,000 to people living with epilepsy, their family members, and caregivers pursuing higher education.

Thirty applicants who demonstrate academic and personal achievement will receive scholarships of up to \$5,000 each. Two applicants will receive Epilepsy Leader Scholarships of up to \$10,000 each honoring the late Sandra Helmers, MD, MPH, and the late John M. Pellock, MD, two prominent figures in the epilepsy community who passed away in 2016. Additionally, UCB will

award one applicant the Joe D'Souza Memorial Scholarship of up to \$10,000. This scholarship was created in 2019 in memory of UCB's global medical director.

The recipients of the Epilepsy Leader Scholarships and the Joe D'Souza Memorial Scholarship will demonstrate academic and personal achievement and will also exemplify some of the qualities that Drs. Helmers and Pellock were best known for, including a desire to advocate for and serve others, an interest in positively contributing to the epilepsy community, and a persevering spirit.

Applications for the **2026** program are due on **Sunday, March 15, 2026**. The on-line application can be found at <https://www.ucbepilepsyscholarship.com/>

The Charles L. Shor Epilepsy Empowerment Fund

The Charles L. Shor Epilepsy Empowerment Fund provides educational assistance to individuals diagnosed with epilepsy including scholarships to universities, colleges, technical training and certification programs, and financial assistance for students enabling them to attend and complete the educational program. Applications for the 2026 scholarship season will open January 1st. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2026.

<https://www.comm-foundation.org/scholarships>

Lorna Myers PNES Scholarship Fund

Dr. Lorna Myers generously donates the annual royalties from her book, Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures: A Guide, to Epilepsy Alliance America. These funds support a scholarship program for students diagnosed with psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES) who are pursuing higher education at a college or university, or enrollment in a trade, technical, or professional school.

Scholarship awards are determined through a competitive application process that evaluates both financial need and academic or personal achievement. Epilepsy Alliance America reserves the right to determine the number of scholarships awarded and the award amounts each year. Currently, the scholarship is offered as a one-time award and is limited to residents of the United States. All application materials must be submitted to Epilepsy Alliance America by 11:59 PM ET on April 30, 2026, for consideration, with awards announced in June 2026.

<https://epilepsyallianceamerica.org/lorna-myers-pnes-scholarship-fund-application/>