



American Cancer Society Mid-South Division

College Scholarship Program

2009-2010 Academic Year

FACT SHEET

- History:** Since 2001 the American Cancer Society Mid-South Division has provided more than 1,300 college scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to childhood cancer survivors. We have invested more than \$1.3 million dollars back into our local communities.
- Purpose:** The College Scholarship Program was established to assist childhood cancer survivors in reaching their educational goals and to invest in our future community leaders. This program was designed to demonstrate to our communities how the American Cancer Society is reinvesting our funds.
- Eligibility:** The American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program gives young cancer survivors the opportunity to pursue an undergraduate degree from an accredited university, community college or vocational/technical school. Applicants must be under the age of 25 at the time of the application and have been accepted without condition to their school of choice. Legal residents of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, or Floyd or Clark counties in Indiana, who are United States citizens and have had a diagnosis of cancer before the age of 21 are eligible. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA and register with a minimum of 12 hours per semester.
- Award:** The American Cancer Society, Mid-South Division's College Scholarship Program awards a \$1,000 scholarship per student per academic school year limited to four academic years. All scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the American Cancer Society's volunteer college scholarship committee based on the student's academic achievement, community service and leadership. Scholarships are available for up to four years per student and must be renewed annually through the application process.
- Deadline:** Eligible students should contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or go to www.cancer.org for an application packet. Applications **must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2009**, for consideration for the upcoming academic year.
- Funding:** College Scholarship submissions will be awarded based upon the availability of American Cancer Society funds and will be limited based upon the Mid-South Division approved budget.