



## **Congenital Heart Defect Coalition 2026 Scholarship Application Instructions**

The CHD Coalition is pleased to be awarding scholarships to eligible graduating high school students who will be attending a post-secondary institution. Applicants must have a congenital heart defect or acquired heart disease and meet the eligibility requirements below.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

The applicant must:

- be a high school senior who will be continuing his/her education in an accredited college, technical, vocational or trade school.
- be a resident of NJ, CT or Metro NY (Metro NY consists of the 5 boroughs, Long Island, Westchester or Rockland County).
- have a congenital heart defect or acquired heart disease.
- complete the Application Elements described below.

### **Application Process:**

1. Complete the CHD Coalition Scholarship Application. Applications will be accepted via email or postal mail. If sending application via email, signatures are not required, but must be filled out and dated.
  - Provide a separate essay that describes how living with congenital or acquired heart disease shapes or affects your life and how you overcome any obstacles or challenges you face as a result. The essay must be typed, double spaced, two pages or less.
  - Applications must be received via email (preferred) at [scholarship@chdcoalition.org](mailto:scholarship@chdcoalition.org) or received via mail to the address **below on or before April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.
2. Provide two (2) letters of recommendation received **on or before April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**:
  - Received in a sealed envelope, mailed by the person making the recommendation or,
  - Emailed from the person(s) making the recommendation – not the applicant.

**Send letters of recommendation to [scholarship@chdcoalition.org](mailto:scholarship@chdcoalition.org). OR**  
CHD Coalition – Scholarship Committee  
45 Carey Avenue  
Suite 250 #1  
Butler, NJ 07405
3. If awarded scholarship:
  - Funds will be sent directly to the post-secondary institution to which you have been accepted.
  - A brief description (derived from information provided in the application process), and a photo (you will provide) will be posted to the CHD Coalition site and may be used in CHD Coalition Newsletter or other Social Media outlets.
  - Failure to promptly provide the information required by award recipients, could result in loss of award.

The selection of the recipients will be determined by the CHD Coalition Scholarship Committee; only scholarship recipients will be notified. All decisions are final and not subject to dispute or appeal. Essays and other application documentation will not be returned. For questions email [scholarship@chdcoalition.org](mailto:scholarship@chdcoalition.org).

**Download Scholarship Application at <https://chdcoalition.org/what-we-do/scholarship>**