EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AND CENTRAL PA

Fall 2026

Dear School Counselors/Financial Aid Professionals:

I am writing to you to share the 2027 Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA's scholarship program information for students who have an epilepsy/seizure disorder.

The EAWCP will award **ten** scholarships, totaling **$11,500** for graduating seniors going to post high school education or vocational training. The three applicants with the highest combined scores will receive a **$1,500** scholarship and the remaining **seven** recipients will receive a **$1,000** scholarship.

Awards will be based on the quality of the student's application, determined through a competitive scoring system that balances need with achievement. The EAWCP plans to announce awards on May 10, 2027.

The first page of the application outlines the minimum requirements for all potential scholarship applicants. Please encourage students who meet these criteria to apply.

All applications must be in our office no later than April 5, 2027 (*no exceptions*).

If you have further questions or if you need more applications, please call me at 1-800-361-5885 or 412-322-5880. Our scholarship application is also available on our website at www.eawcp.org/programs/scholarships/ or by scanning the QR code below.

Thank you for spreading the word about our scholarships!

Sincerely,

Jordan Hinds

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Senior Program Manager

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EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AND CENTRAL PA

2027 Scholarship Program Application
Students Thriving with Epilepsy or Seizure Disorder

The Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA (EAWCP) will award a minimum of 10 scholarships, totaling $11,500 to graduating high school seniors who have epilepsy/seizure disorder and are going on to post-secondary school. The three students with the highest total scores will receive a $1,500 scholarship and the remaining seven (7) scholarship recipients will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

Purpose:
To assist an individual who has epilepsy with their academic and/or vocational training.

MINIMUM APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicant must:

1) **Have a diagnosis of epilepsy/seizure disorder; this must be confirmed by a statement from the applicant's physician.**

2) **Provide proof of your intent to attend a post-secondary academic or vocational program.**

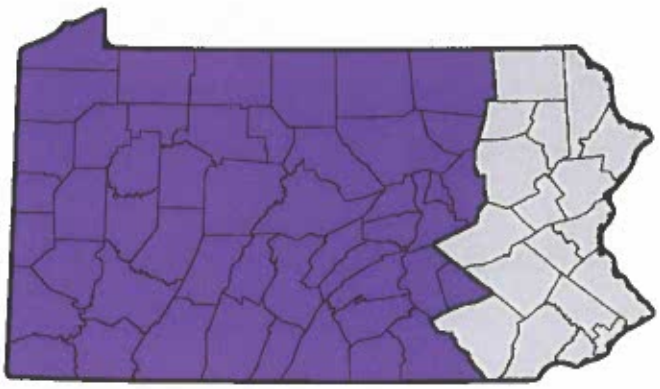
3) **Be a high school graduate of the class of 2027.**

4) **Be enrolled full-time in your 2026 - 2027 high school senior year.**

5) **Be a legal resident of western or central Pennsylvania. (see map below).**

6) **If selected, recipients are invited to attend at least one of the EAWCP's Run/Walk Fundraising events in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, or Erie for a scholarship check presentation.**

The EAWCP offers its nationally recognized programs and services throughout the 49 counties of western and central Pennsylvania (see the map for county eligibility).



*First Initial and Last Name*_____

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TO APPLY: Write or Call:

2027 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Attn: Jordan Hinds
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1-800-361-5885/ jhinds@eawcp.org
412-322-7885 (FAX)

NOTE: Complete the Application. Do not write answers on a separate paper. Incomplete applications will be discarded.

Do not staple or fold paperwork. Use a paper/binder clip and return in a large envelope.
Note: Awards will be based on the quality of applications through a competitive scoring system that balances need with achievement. The Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA reserves the right to determine each year the number of scholarships given. This is a one-time award.

TIME LINE

October 2026	Scholarship availability announcement
April 5, 2027	Application deadline; all scholarships **must be received by April 5, 2027**
May 10, 2027	Scholarship recipient announced
June 2027	Award presentation at the EAWCP Family Fun Run/Walk in Pittsburgh
June 2027	Award presentation at EAWCP Run/Walk in Erie
August 2027	Award presentations at EAWCP Family Run/Walk in Harrisburg

*First Initial and Last Name*_____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. Contact Information

Last Name:		First Name:	
Age:		Date of Birth:	
Parent/Guardian:			
Home Address:			
City:	State: **Pennsylvania**	Zip:	USA
County (not country) in which you reside:			
Mailing Address (if different from above):			
City, State Zip:			
Applicant Cell Phone:			
Applicant Email:			
Parent/Guardian Phone:			
Parent/Guardian Email:			

2. School Information

Name and address of school you are currently attending:		
Name and address of school you will be attending during the next academic year:		
Will you be a full-time student?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Will you be a part-time student?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Number of credit hours per semester/quarter:		
Major or field of study:		

Note: Verification of acceptance into the post high school program you will be attending must be submitted. Applicants must provide a high school transcript, class rank, and grade point average.

*First Initial and Last Name*_____

3. Awards and Activities (use separate paper, if needed)

List all special awards or honors received during school or outside school:
1)
2)
3)
4)
5)
6)
List all school extracurricular activities:
1)
2)
3)
4)
5)
6)
List activities outside of school (clubs, hobbies, volunteering, employment, etc.):
1)
2)
3)
4)
5)
6)

4. Work Experience*

Dates Worked	Name and Address of Employer	Hours worked per week

Attach a resume, if available.

First Initial and Last Name _____

5. Financial Data

Number of adults in your household:	
Number of children in your household:	
Total family income (gross) for the previous tax year:	

Please note: a copy of the applicant's family IRS filing from the previous year must accompany this application to verify income. (First 2 pages of 1040, no additional schedules please.)

6. Scores and GPA

Class Rank:	
Grade Point Average:	
SAT Scores (optional):	

7. References

Include one letter of reference to accompany your application. (DO NOT USE RELATIVES.)

8. Information about your seizure disorder:

Age of seizure onset:					
Type(s) of seizure that you experience:					
Describe a typical seizure:					
# of seizures	Per year:		Per month:		Per day:
Are your seizures controlled?	□ Yes □ No				
Date of last seizure:					
Have you had epilepsy brain surgery?	□ Yes □ No				
Do you have a Vagal Nerve Stimulator?	□ Yes □ No		RNS surgery?	□ Yes □ No	
List medications you are currently taking					

Medication:	Dosage :	How often:

*First Initial and Last Name*_____

9. Personal Statement:
Please attach a short, typed essay (220 word minimum) about your goals and how having epilepsy has affected or influenced your life. Tell us about what you wish people knew about epilepsy. *Be sure to include your personal experiences and how you overcame adversity.*

Scholarship Presentation:

The EAWCP hosts Family Run/Walks in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg and participates in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community in Erie. There will be a scholarship presentation at each of these events. All scholarship recipients should make an effort to attend at least **one** of the Run/Walks to participate in a scholarship presentation ceremony and receive recognition of their achievement.

Scholarship checks will be mailed out to scholarship recipients who are not able to attend one of the Family Run/Walk for Epilepsy events.

Check which Run/Walk event you think you will attend if you are awarded a scholarship; you can attend more than one.

□ Yes	Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, **June 2027. Exact date not yet determined.**
□ Yes	Pittsburgh Pirates Family Fun Run/Walk at PNC Park, **June 2027. Exact date not yet determined.**
□ Yes	Harrisburg Senators Family Fun Run/Walk at Metro Bank Park, **August 2027. Exact date not yet determined.**

*First Initial and Last Name*_____

If awarded a scholarship, do you give permission to the Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA to use your name and photo in all forms of our scholarship program marketing including newspapers, newsletters, social media and website, announcing the 2027 scholarship?

Yes_____ No_____

Applicant Signature_____ Date_____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ Date_____

SIGNATURE:

Applicant Signature:	
Date:	

Checklist

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED:

_____Physician's verification of diagnosis of epilepsy/seizure disorder

_____Verification of acceptance into post high school education or training program

_____School transcripts

_____Copy of parent/guardian IRS filing last year *(First 2 pages of 1040 only)*

_____Resume *(if available)*

_____Personal reference letter

_____Personal statement

_____**First initial and last name must be on the top of each page of the application**

Do not fold or staple your paperwork. Mail in an envelope 9x12 or larger envelope.

All applications must be received by Monday, April 5, 2027.

*First Initial and Last Name*_____

Scholarship Programs

for graduating high school seniors

Scan the QR code for the EAWCP Scholarship Program

Scan the QR code for EAA PNES Scholarship Program

Scan the QR code for EAA Scholarship Opportunities

EAWCP Scholarship:

In 2027, the Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA (EAWCP) will award 10 scholarships, seven $1,000 and three $1,500 scholarships.

To be eligible for the EAWCP Scholarship, a person must:

- Have a diagnosis of epilepsy/seizure disorder
- Provide proof of acceptance to a post-secondary academic or vocational program
- Attend school full-time as a high school senior
- Be a legal resident of western/central Pennsylvania

- Applications are available beginning in October and are due in April. If you are interested in applying for the EAWCP scholarship program, please download the application by scanning the QR code on the left.

Other EAA Scholarship Opportunities:

- Epilepsy Alliance America (EAA) manages a scholarship program for students with a diagnosis of psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES) who are pursuing higher level education at a university or college or a trade, technical or professional school, using the funds from Dr. Myers. Awards are based on the quality of applications through a competitive scoring system that balances need with achievement. Awards are restricted to residents of the United States. If you are interested in applying for the PNES scholarship, please scan the QR code on the left.

- EAA also offers valuable resources to help students with epilepsy secure financial support for their studies on their scholarship page. Please review all of their scholarship opportunities by scanning the QR code on the left.

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