



CAN Dream Foundation Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship Overview and Instructions

Research shows that there is a prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias in African-Americans and Hispanics. Studies conclude that African-Americans are twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's and other dementias as older whites. This appears not to be because of genetic factors, but rather as a result of health conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes that may increase one's risk for Alzheimer's disease or another dementia. These diseases are more prevalent in African-American and Hispanic people. In addition, there is evidence that misdiagnoses of this disease are more common among older African-Americans and Hispanics as well. Recognizing this, the Curing Alzheimer's Now (CAN) Dream Foundation, a non-profit organization, has created a program to increase the awareness of Alzheimer's disease for students. CAN Dream's goals are to:

- **Empower** students to be active participants in the Alzheimer's movement
- **Encourage** students to be change agents for Alzheimer's in their community
- **Increase** the pipeline of students into STEM careers or other innovative fields that would positively impact Alzheimer's disease
- **Cultivate** resources to achieve the CAN Dream mission

In an effort to encourage minority high school students to express their thoughts about Alzheimer's disease and engage the younger generation in this cause, CAN Dream is pleased to offer the CAN Dream Foundation Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship. One (1) **\$1,000** scholarship will be awarded to a deserving college-bound student.

The deadline for applications is **April 1**. This scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for college-bound students to give thoughtful consideration to the impact that Alzheimer's disease has on their own lives as well as others in their family and community. Students are required to submit an autobiography and write a 1,200 to 1,500 word essay that answers the following questions:

- How has Alzheimer's disease changed or impacted your life?
- What have you learned about yourself, your family, and/or your community in the face of coping with Alzheimer's disease?

To qualify, a student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and must also enter a four-year accredited college or university within 12 months of the application deadline. Current college students are NOT eligible to apply. A Scholarship Review Committee selected by CAN Dream will review all timely submissions. Applicant identity will remain anonymous during the review process. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

CAN Dream Foundation will award one (1), one-time **\$1,000** scholarship to the selected applicant. CAN Dream will announce the scholarship recipient on **June 1**. CAN Dream will require the award recipient to provide their Social Security number and documentation verifying high school enrollment (official transcript) and U.S. citizenship (passport or birth certificate-- driver's license is not acceptable) in order to be named such and receive the scholarship. CAN Dream will provide the scholarship payment to the recipient upon receipt of official documentation of registration from the college or university that he or she is attending in the following fall or spring (e.g., sending a letter with proof of first semester's payment from the registrar's office). Should the scholarship recipient fail to attend a college or university within the stated time period, the scholarship will be awarded to the first runner-up.

In an effort to inspire others, the winner and first runner-up will agree to:

- Have their names and essays published on the CAN Dream website (www.candream.org);
- Provide CAN Dream with a photo to be used for media and publicity purposes; and
- Be available for interviews with the media if/when necessary.

CAN Dream will retain the right to publish the essays of the winner and first runner-up as well as the right to publish selected excerpts in the media. Non-compliance with any of these requirements will result in forfeiture of the award. The decision of the Scholarship Review Committee is final.

MAILED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1. APPLICANTS SUBMITTING VIA EMAIL (scholarship@candream.org) MUST DO SO BY 11:59PM (ET) ON APRIL 1.

DATE: _____
MM/DD/YY

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GENERAL INFORMATION – Please type OR print neatly in black ink.

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Applicant's Name:		Male _____ Female _____
_____ Last	_____ First	_____ Middle
Home Address:		Date of Birth _____
_____ Number and Street		_____ Apartment
_____ City		_____ State
_____ Home Telephone: (____) _____		_____ Cell Phone: (____) _____
_____ E-Mail:		_____ Current Grade _____
FAMILY INFORMATION		
Parent / Guardian #1: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ Relationship to Applicant

_____ Home Address (Number and Street)		_____ City/State/Zip
_____ Home Telephone		_____ E-Mail
Parent / Guardian #2: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ Relationship to Applicant

_____ Home Address (Number and Street)		_____ City/State/Zip
_____ Home Telephone		_____ E-Mail

CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION – An Applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.

U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident (Country of Citizenship) _____

Note: Scholarship recipient will be required to provide documentation verifying U.S. citizenship prior to processing payment.

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL

Public Independent Parochial Military Home-Schooled

Name of School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Address (Number and Street)

City/State/Zip

Graduation Date – Month: _____ Year: _____

Name of High School Principal: _____ Phone #: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____ Phone#: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ENTRY INFORMATION

College/University Entry Date – Month: _____ Year: _____

Note: Winners will be required to provide proof of college/university enrollment prior to processing payment.

The following documentation must be included with this application:

(Please review the Scholarship Overview and Instructions, and Checklist for additional guidelines)

1 copy of your scholarship application

1 copy of typewritten essay with title page attached including essay title, word count, name and address

1 copy of typewritten essay WITHOUT title page (not required of online applicants)

1 copy of brief, typewritten autobiography

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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Date _____

Name (printed) _____ Signature _____

If under 18, Parent or Guardian Name (printed) _____

Signature _____