



TRCF Scholarship FAQs

What type of scholarships do you offer?

The Ruth Cheatham Foundation Scholarship is open to young adults ages 17-26 who have been diagnosed with cancer (current or in the past). Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and the impact of disease and can vary in amount from \$2,000, \$3,500, and \$5,000.

When does your scholarship application open?

TRCF scholarship application will open on December 1st, 2023 and applications must be submitted by March 31st, 2024.

How many scholarships are awarded each year?

To date, TRCF has awarded a total of 393 scholarships to teens and young adults battling and surviving cancer. In 2023 TRCF was excited to award 200 scholarships to deserving young cancer fighters.

Who can Apply for the scholarship?

Any US resident who is a cancer patient or survivor, age 17-26, enrolled full-time at an accredited undergraduate college, university, or trade school.

What additional documents are required for the application?

Applicants are required to submit a verification of diagnosis letter, a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR) (*Unsure how to complete and request this report, [check out our help page!](#)), proof of acceptance or enrollment at your university of choice, and a recent school transcript.

Do I have to be an incoming freshman to apply?

No. We welcome students at any level, provided they are aged 17-26 at the time of the application submission.

How long does the application take to complete?

We suggest taking your time to ensure accuracy. Provided you have all the required documentation, most applicants can complete the application in 30 minutes - 1 hour.

I am attending a trade school, can I apply?

Yes, TRCF Scholarships are awarded to full-time students attending an accredited undergraduate college, university, or trade school.

I was diagnosed with a different disease but not cancer, can I apply?

Unfortunately, the TRCF scholarship is only available to students who have been diagnosed with cancer (including cancer survivors and current cancer treatment patients). IF you have a disease that has similar symptoms or a similar treatment but is not officially classified as cancer, you do not fall within our requirements and we would encourage you to check out our [resource page](#) to find other, more suitable scholarships.

I am going to school in another country, can I apply?

At this time, we can only provide TRCF scholarships to residents of the United States, attending school in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

If I do not receive a scholarship, can I reapply next year?

Absolutely! We welcome you to reapply and hope that we can assist in the future!

When will I be notified of my status?

Applicants are typically notified by June 3, 2024.

When are scholarship checks sent out?

Scholarship checks are typically mailed the week of July 15, 2024.

How do I receive my scholarship?

Scholarship checks are paid directly to your university. Please note that some schools may take longer to process your scholarship check. If you have questions or concerns, please contact brielle@ruthcheathamfoundation.org

Can I contact TRCF if I still have questions about the application process?

Absolutely! Please contact us at mail@ruthcheathamfoundation.org or brielle@ruthcheathamfoundation.org for additional help.

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