



Matthew Thomas Memorial Academic Scholarship 2024

The Lone Star Bleeding Disorders Foundation is pleased to announce the Matthew Thomas Memorial Academic Scholarship Fund. To serve the bleeding disorders community of South Texas, the Lone Star BDF will award up to **four \$2,500 Academic Scholarships** for the 2024-2025 school year.

To be eligible for the Matthew Thomas Memorial Academic Scholarship, students must be directly affected with an inherited bleeding disorder, or an immediate family member of someone with a bleeding disorder (parent/guardian, child of someone with a bleeding disorder, or sibling) and pursuing a degree from an accredited post-secondary University, College, or Junior College. Preference will be given to applicants directly affected by a bleeding disorder. **They do not have to be first-year students. This scholarship is open to anyone pursuing a degree.**

Along with a completed scholarship application, qualified applicants must provide documentation of post-secondary enrollment, high school/college transcripts, letters of recommendation, and personal essay. A person may only receive a scholarship once.

Matthew Thomas Memorial Academic Scholarship Checklist

Submit completed application and requested documents on our website www.lonestarbleedingdisorders.org under the Resources Tab by **April 30th, 2024**

You may also send printed application and documents, postmarked by **April 30th, 2024** to
Lone Star Bleeding Disorders Foundation
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
5600 Northwest Central Suite 140
Houston, TX 77092

Or email to Heidi at hhensley@lonestarbleedingdisorders.org

Be sure to include:

- Completed Application
- High-school or college transcripts
- Documentation of post-secondary enrollment
- Personal Essay
- Two letters of recommendation

Matthew Thomas Memorial Scholarship Application

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Type of Bleeding Disorder _____

I am a _____ Parent/Guardian, _____ Sibling of someone with a bleeding disorder, or _____ Child of someone with a bleeding disorder.

Name of person with a bleeding disorder _____

Treatment Center or Hematologist _____

Education

High School attended and graduation date

High School GPA _____

Trade School, College or University attending or planning to attend

If already attending college – college GPA _____

Current or anticipated major field of study _____

What special academic awards, honors, or recognitions have you received?

Activities and Involvement

Please list and describe school or community activities and organizations in which you have participated. Please include any involvement in the bleeding disorders community. Include any leadership roles in these activities.

Please list your favorite activities and hobbies.

Personal Essay

Please write a one to two page essay addressing the following topics:

- Describe your educational and career goals
- Describe any challenges you've had to overcome pursuing your education.
- How has living with a bleeding disorder shaped you?
- Why do you feel you would be a good choice for this scholarship?