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EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FUND

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Thanks to the generous funding provided by **Lundbeck**, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE) is proud to introduce the **CURE Education Enrichment Fund (EEF) Scholarship Program**. The purpose of the EEF Program is to provide a one-time scholarship of up to **\$5,000** for those who are living with epilepsy, including patients, and family members or caregivers of persons with epilepsy. The intent of these scholarships is for use toward coursework designed to advance the applicants' own personal knowledge in research, health education, advocacy, and/or awareness, as it relates to their own struggles with this neurological disease.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS *To apply, you must certify that you are:*

1. Diagnosed with epilepsy by a physician or the immediate family member (parent, spouse, child, or sibling) and/or caregiver of a person living with epilepsy. Caregivers are defined as any individual who provides unpaid, personal care for a person living with epilepsy.
2. Seeking to advance your personal knowledge in the field of epilepsy, as it relates to research, health education, awareness, and/or advocacy. Coursework may include online training, training certifications, vocational coursework, academic coursework, or any other applicable courses*. Coursework may be completed at any training center, vocational institution, or academic institution the applicant chooses.
**Applicability of coursework is at the discretion of the Education Enrichment Fund Selection Committee.*
3. Not an employee (or an immediate family member of an employee) of Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE) or Lundbeck. Immediate family members are defined as spouses, domestic partners, children, parents, grandchildren, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, stepchildren, stepsisters, and stepbrothers. Additionally, healthcare professionals who directly or indirectly influence the prescribing of epilepsy medications, and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.

RECIPIENT SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of recipients will be at the sole discretion of the Education Enrichment Fund Selection Committee chosen by CURE. Scholarship amounts will be up to \$5,000 to cover the recipient's tuition, books, and any other course-required materials.** After a recipient's enrollment in their intended coursework has been verified and an institutional invoice for all educational expenses has been received, the scholarship check will be made payable to and mailed directly to the institution where the coursework will be

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completed. However, if the recipient does not have a minimum of \$5,000 in tuition and/or other approved educational expenses owed for his/her schooling, any remaining scholarship money will be forfeited.

***Course-required materials must be listed in the course description of the institution's course catalog or course syllabus and approval is at the sole discretion of the Education Enrichment Fund Selection Committee.*

PROCEDURES

To apply, please submit a completed application, including the documents listed below, postmarked by **April 15th, 2019**.

- Sections of the application will need to be completed by the applicant and a parent/guardian (if the applicant is under 18).
- Selection will be based on the following criteria, which must be included:
 - **Professional and/or Leadership Skills, Extracurricular Involvement and/or Accomplishments, Volunteer Experience and/or Interests** as evidenced by responses in Professional and Extracurricular Achievements section of application. Applicant should highlight skills, achievements, and experiences that have impacted them directly.
 - **An essay** (500-word maximum; double-spaced and 12 pt font) authored by the applicant explaining how the applicants' personal connection to epilepsy has shaped them into the individuals they are today AND how this scholarship will ignite them in becoming "agents of change" in the epilepsy community. Applicants will ideally build upon their responses in the application and highlight their motivation for seeking to advance their personal knowledge when constructing their essay.
 - **Letter of Recommendation** (1) from Academic Professional, Community official, or Healthcare Team member.
- Additional pages can be attached to the application if more space is needed for responses.

CURE Mission Statement

CURE's mission is to find a cure for epilepsy, by promoting and funding patient-focused research.
Our commitment is unrelenting.