

Marianjoy Scholarship Program

Committed to students with disabilities and their pursuit of higher education.



The Marianjoy Scholarship Program

Each year, Marianjoy proudly awards scholarships to students with disabilities to help them pursue educational programs at accredited two or four-year colleges and universities, or vocational technical schools in the United States.

Recipients must enroll in school no later than the fall session following the announcement of the awards.

- Scholarships are not automatically renewed.
- Past recipients are eligible to re-apply if they continue to meet the application's criteria.
- Scholarships can be awarded to a recipient up to four years.
- Awards, distributed in two equal installments, are made payable to the post-secondary school the student is attending.
- Scholarships will not exceed tuition.
- The Marianjoy Scholarship Program reserves the right to review its conditions and procedures and to make changes at any time, including its termination. Previously approved scholarships will not be affected by subsequent changes.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to apply to the Marianjoy Scholarship Program, applicants must be:

- Functionally impaired or physically disabled.
- A permanent resident in one of the following Illinois counties: Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, or Will.
- High school seniors or graduates (diploma or GED certificate) or college undergraduate.
- Former Marianjoy patients are eligible regardless of residence.
- Marianjoy employees and their dependent children, as well as donors to the Marianjoy Scholarship Program and their family members, are ineligible to apply.

Marianjoy's Commitment

Since 1972, Marianjoy has continued its mission of advocacy for our patients, the community, and individuals living with a disability. Through a multitude of programs and services, Marianjoy encourages individuals with disabilities to pursue education, seek employment, and live independently.

In keeping with our commitment to assist and support people with disabilities, the Marianjoy Scholarship Program has awarded over \$870,000 in scholarships since it was established in 1994. Administered through Northwestern Memorial Foundation, funding for all scholarship awards is provided through generous donations from the community.

The Marianjoy Scholarship Program is intended for those individuals with a permanent physical disability which may include:

- Brain Injury
- Musculoskeletal Impairments such as Amputation or Multiple Trauma
- Neuromuscular Disorders such as Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy and Guillain-Barré Syndrome
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Stroke

How to Apply

To apply to the Marianjoy Scholarship Program, applicants must:

- Complete the application and mail to the address shown on the form.
- Submit a written, personal profile outlining the nature of their disability, career goals and aspirations. Clearly describe any financial needs, as well as any pertinent personal/family circumstances.
- Have original transcripts sent directly from their school mailed to the address shown on the form.
- Include letters of recommendation from a counselor, instructor, employer, minister, physician, therapist or another qualified individual.

Scholarship Recipients are Selected on the Following Basis:

- Academic record as indicated in school transcript, activities, and additional information provided by applicant.
- Financial need and family circumstance.
- Impact of disability in educational process.
- Education and career goals expressed in personal profile.
- Leadership and participation roles in the school or community.
- Letters of recommendation.
- Overall assessment of candidate's presentation.

For more information about the scholarship or to receive an application, please call 630-909-7522, email Krystal.LaMantia@nm.org or visit www.foundation.nmh.org/marianjoyscholarship.

About Marianjoy

Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital is a state-of-the-art facility with 127 beds for inpatient and subacute rehabilitation care. Marianjoy offers inpatient rehabilitation programs in stroke; brain and spinal cord injury; musculoskeletal and neuromuscular disorders; and pediatrics. Our Wheaton campus features uniquely designed accessible gardens, a labyrinth, a chapel, and a meditation room. Marianjoy maintains an extensive network of inpatient subacute, and outpatient sites, as well as physician clinics throughout the Chicagoland area and is now part of Northwestern Medicine.

