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The Audi Gerstein Platelet Disorder Scholarship For Undergraduate/Graduate Students with Platelet Disorders

Who is Eligible for the Scholarship?*

Awards are restricted to senior high school students, current college students, or adults interested in continuing education who have ITP or a similar inherited or non-inherited diagnosed platelet disorder. The Scholarship award is intended to assist full-time undergraduate or graduate students entering or attending an accredited technical school, two or four year college, university or graduate school in the United States. The Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen. There is no GPA requirement, however, the applicant must have acceptance to the college of their choice. Former Scholarship recipients are not permitted to reapply (those who have won book awards are eligible). Family members of ITP patients or PDSA board members or Scholarship committee members are not eligible to apply.

The Process

A 700 – 1,000 word essay is required which details how your platelet disorder has resulted in your growth as a person; what you learned about your own strengths and weaknesses. If you feel it's changed you, whether emotionally or physically, describe how it changed your approach to life and relationships. Describe how having an illness might have affected your life's accomplishments and helped you set goals. If you feel that having a chronic illness has helped you choose a career path, describe how, and explain why you feel this way and what you have done to meet these educational goals. Explain what your plans are for the future in meeting your educational responsibilities, in light of your struggles with a platelet disorder.

An Application will be due and submitted to the PDSA no earlier than March 15 and no later than April 15. Awards will be announced by May 15. *Incomplete or late Applications will not be considered.* Scholarship award winners will be announced on our website. The essays and applications will be reviewed and judged by an impartial panel selected by the PDSA Board of Directors.

Scholarship Funds

Scholarship Funds will be awarded in a one-time payment of \$1,000 during the academic year. Payments will be made directly to the institution prior to the start of the fall semester.

***The PDSA reserves the right to change eligibility criteria yearly and does not guarantee the availability of scholarship awards annually.**

Audi Gerstein ITP Scholarship Application

Student's Name:

Address:

Birth date:

Student's or Parent's E-mail address:

Name of diagnosed platelet disorder:

Parent(s)/ Guardian Name(s), if applicable:

Parent(s)/Guardian Address(s), if applicable:

Parent(s)/Guardian Phone Number(s), if applicable:

Student's Phone Number(s), if different:

What is the name of the school you are attending now?

To which college or technical school have you been accepted?



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Please provide 2 written recommendation letters from adults who are not related to you. These may arrive in hard copy or they may be sent via e-mail. For our confirmation, please include the names and phone numbers of these individuals.

I, _____, do hereby state that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby affirm that I am a citizen of the United States, that I have received an acceptance letter from the above mentioned college or institution, and that I meet eligibility criteria as defined above.

(Upon award notification, a recent photo may be requested for publication. The photo will not be returned.)

Signature

Complete the application and return to:

Platelet Disorder Support Applications
Attention: Audi Gerstein ITP Scholarship
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