



Dear Scholarship Advisor,

Since 1988, Children's Cancer Connection has focused on the mission of enhancing the lives of children and their families affected by childhood cancer by providing programs for recreation, education and support. The Ockenfels' Family Foundation's mission strives to be a caring member of the childhood cancer journey. The Ockenfels' Family Foundation has joined Children's Cancer Connection to sponsor the brand new Empowering Scholarships.

Children's Cancer Connection is asking your help to find eligible applicants for our new scholarship program. In order to qualify for Children's Cancer Connection's Empowering Scholarships:

- Applicant must be directly affected by childhood cancer (including individuals who currently have or have had cancer before age 18 or a sibling of that individual)
- Applicant must be within Children's Cancer Connection's service area (living, treated or diagnosed in the state of Iowa)
- Applicant must attend or plan to attend an accredited two or four year institution (trade school, college or university)
- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.5

Children's Cancer Connection Empowering Scholarships include book reimbursement scholarships and tuition assistance scholarships in values from \$500-\$5000. Applications for the Fall 2016 Semester will be due Friday May 26, 2017. Applications for the Spring 2018 semester will be due Friday September 29, 2017.

Please pass the included information on to any students that meet the requirements for Children's Cancer Connection's Empowering Scholarship. Thank you for your help and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Swoyer", written over a white background.

Meridith Swoyer  
Children's Cancer Connection



## Children's Cancer Connection Empowering Scholarship

Sponsored by the Ockenfels' Family Foundation

Children's Cancer Connection, since 1988, has focused on the mission of enhancing the lives of children and their families affected by childhood cancer who are living, treated and/or diagnosed in the state of Iowa.

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### Eligibility to apply for Children's Cancer Connection Empowering Scholarships

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- Applicant must attend an accredited two or four year institution (trade school, college or university)
- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.5

### Requirements for Children's Cancer Connection Empowering Scholarships

- Completed application with written two 500 word essays
- Two letters of recommendation from school, medical or business professional
- If selected, scholarship recipients will need to complete 10 - 40 hours of volunteer support dependent upon awarded scholarship

### Available Children's Cancer Connection Empowering Scholarships

- \$500 Book Reimbursement Scholarship
- \$1,000 Tuition Assistance Scholarship
- \$2,500 Tuition Assistance Scholarship
- \$5,000 Debbie Ockenfels Memorial Scholarship



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Applications for the Fall Semester are due the last Friday in May.

Applications for the Spring Semester are due the last Friday in September.

Applicants will be notified by July 31 for the Fall Semester and November 30 for the Spring Semester. Funds will be sent directly to the institution listed in the application.

Please return completed application, recommendations, and essays to:

Children's Cancer Connection Empowering Scholarships  
2708 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Or via email to:  
[Scholarship@ChildrensCancerConnection.org](mailto:Scholarship@ChildrensCancerConnection.org)



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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am a survivor

I am a sibling

Current/Previous high school \_\_\_\_\_  
Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
School Attending 2016-2017 \_\_\_\_\_  
Accepted Admission Yes No

Anticipated Major \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Minor (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

### Essay Question

(Please answer each of the following questions, in 500 words or less, typed, on a separate sheet)

1. How has childhood cancer built your character? How has that made you into the person you are, and helped formulate plans for your future?

2. Debbie Ockenfels fought her own battle with childhood cancer. The entire Ockenfels' family now remembers Debbie for her positive, cheerful attitude, zest for life, striving to be her best, and always carrying herself in a joyful manner.

How do your personal characteristics mirror those of Debbie and how have they helped determine your decision for further education?