



Tri-State Bleeding Disorder Foundation Scholarships 2026 *Scholarship Information and Guidance*

The board of the Tri-State Bleeding Disorder Foundation (TSBDF) acknowledges the many challenges students face during their journey to complete a post-secondary educational program or beyond. It is hoped that the financial assistance provided by the TSBDF Scholarships will help recipients continue their quest for knowledge and the attainment of their dreams. Three scholarships are supported by the TSBDF: ***The Infotrust Foundation Scholarship, The T.D. Hughes, Jr. Scholarship*** and ***The Gina Stack Memorial Scholarship***.

In addition, the University of Cincinnati has available the *Dr. Peter G. Ruehlman Scholarship* through the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Peter G. Ruehlman.

New this year is the *Infotrust Foundation Scholarship*. The Tri State Bleeding Disorder Foundation (TSBDF) is partnering with the Infotrust Foundation to launch a new \$5,000 scholarship for a community member attending the University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash College. This scholarship is designed to support students who want to explore career paths outside of the traditional four-year college model.

The TSBDF *T.D. Hughes, Jr. Scholarship* and *The Gina Stack Memorial Scholarship* are:

- Open to any person with a bleeding disorder diagnosis and their immediate family members. The following is a list of diagnoses that qualify: Factor Deficiencies, von Willebrand's Disease, Glanzmann Thrombasthenia, Platelet Function Disorders, Platelet Storage Pool Deficiency, Dysfunction/dysfibrinogenemia.
- The applicant or their immediate family member with a bleeding disorder must live within the geographic area served by the TSBDF or be followed at either the pediatric or adult hemophilia treatment center in Cincinnati.
- The applicant must be seeking *full-time enrollment* in post-secondary education at a university/college or technical school or be enrolled as a student in a graduate school program.
- Students may submit scholarship applications in *one or both* categories if they are eligible.
- Scholarship applicants may be awarded more than one scholarship in the same year if the scholarship committee deems appropriate.
- The T. D. Hughes, Jr. and the Gina Stack scholarships are not renewable, so A NEW APPLICATION IS REQUIRED for each year that a student applies for funding.
- **NOTE: Applicants of the Gina Stack Memorial Scholarship must be pursuing a full-time degree program with a focus on healthcare or the medical profession.**
- The minimum award for the T. D. Hughes, Jr. and the Gina Stack scholarships for 2026 is \$2,500 each. Priority will be given to students applying for the first time.
- Depending on the availability of funds, additional scholarships from each category with a minimum of \$1000 may be available to other applicants, including applicants who were previously awarded TSBDF scholarships. A NEW APPLICATION IS REQUIRED for each year that a student applies for funding.
- Scholarship awards may be increased from their minimum value depending on availability of funds.
- All communications and submissions must come from the applicant's email address only. TSBDF will not accept any correspondence or documents sent from other emails, including parents or guardians. The only exception is reference letters and documentation of a bleeding disorder.
- Artificial Information software (AI) may only be used for editing to check grammar, spelling, and sentence structure." REMEMBER: We want to hear your ideas and your story!

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- The applicant must be seeking full-time enrollment at the University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash College.
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- The award for the Infotrust Foundation scholarship for 2026 is \$5,000. \$2,500 will be paid for two consecutive semesters.
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T.D. Hughes, Jr. Scholarship

T.D. Hughes began working at LaRosa's Pizzeria in 1962 and was promoted to the position of General Manager of LaRosa's in the mid 1970's, a position he held until the late 1980's when he became Chief Executive Officer. T.D. is now retired as Chairman of the Board of LaRosa's Pizzeria.

More than 30 years ago T.D. joined the board of the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation. During his tenure on the board, T.D. worked tirelessly to connect those who needed help with those who could solve the problem. He successfully led the merger of the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation and Friends and Families of Hemophilia in 2004, after which he retired from the Board of Directors. In his honor the Board of Directors created the T.D. Hughes, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

"Give without remembering. Receive without forgetting."

- T.D. Hughes

Gina Stack Memorial Scholarship

Gina began her never-ending devotion to children and their well-being as a young child, volunteering her summers at Camp Allen working with handicapped children. Gina graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Upon graduating she began working at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center as a clinical nurse.

After getting married Gina briefly moved away from Cincinnati, while continuing her nursing career. In 1980 she returned to Cincinnati, joining Cincinnati Children's, where she spent the rest of her career as a pediatric nurse. After working in several pediatric units, Gina joined the Hemophilia Treatment Center where she worked as a Hemophilia Clinical Nurse Coordinator. As a hemophilia nurse, Gina developed her deepest love, helping and caring for children with bleeding disorders and their families.

Gina was an active member of the Mormon faith, touching and helping many members' lives throughout the years. Diagnosed with metastatic melanoma in January 2006 she continued her involvement and dedication to her patients and families as her health permitted. Gina's life journey and mission came to an end on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2007, a day that symbolized all that she stood for. Throughout her life, Gina worked to help others, while projecting an inner peace and happiness to all who knew her. She left behind a legacy of caring for others, hard work, having fun, and never giving up.

The Infotrust Foundation Scholarship

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The Infotrust Foundation Scholarship is rooted in access, resilience, and investment in individuals who are navigating real challenges while pursuing their education. We believe education opens doors, and this partnership is about helping make that journey more attainable.

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Dr. Peter G. Ruehlman Scholarship

In addition to the two scholarships offered through the Tri-State Bleeding Disorder Foundation, the University of Cincinnati has available the Dr. Peter G. Ruehlman Scholarship. Through the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Peter G. Ruehlman, the University of Cincinnati is pleased to offer a scholarship to a student living with hemophilia, Von Willebrand disease, or other related bleeding disorder.

The scholarship is available to an undergraduate, graduate, or professional student who is enrolled full-time and matriculating at any college of the University of Cincinnati, including the College of Law and the College of Medicine. The scholarship is valued at \$5,000 per year. Applicants must meet the following stipulations:

- Student must be in good academic standing with a minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA.
- Student must demonstrate financial need.
- Student must have graduated from a Greater Cincinnati area high school.

This scholarship is renewable for subsequent years of academic enrollment with the provision that the student maintains good academic standing. Therefore, the scholarship may not be available to new applicants every year.

Deadline: Not Available This Year

The confidential three-part application must be completed by you and a personal or professional reference; this individual may not be a member of your family. All three sections of the application must be submitted together and sent to:

Lisa Burke

Student Financial Aid

University of Cincinnati

P O Box 210125

Cincinnati, OH 45221-0125

Email: Scholarships@uc.edu

Fax: 513-556-9171

TSBDF Scholarship Application Process: Each application for the Infotrust Foundation Scholarship, T.D. Hughes, Jr. Scholarship or the Gina Stack Memorial Scholarship must include the following documents:

Please use the following checklist to ensure the required documents are included with your application.

1. **Completed application.**
2. **Essay.**
3. **Letter of recommendation or personal reference** from a teacher, community member or employer (not a member of your family). This letter is to be sent separately to the TSBDF office by your reference person.
4. **Letter from a hematologist or hemophilia/hematology nurse** documenting a bleeding disorder diagnosis and stating that the applicant is an active patient of the treatment center or hematologist. If the applicant is a family member of a person with a bleeding disorder, documentation of the family member's bleeding disorder is required. This letter can be sent separately to the TSBDF office.
5. **Proof of enrollment or letter of acceptance** to a college or technical school.
6. **Copy of the most recent transcript** with cumulative grade point average (GPA).

Please note that the Tri-State Bleeding Disorder Foundation will not be responsible for advising applicants that attachments are missing.

Failure to submit all required attachments will result in rejection of the application

IMPORTANT DATES

Call for applications; Guidance posted on website	February 2, 2026
Applications due	June 1, 2026
Decisions made by the Board	July 1, 2026
Announcement of scholarship recipients/Award letters sent	July 15, 2026

Deadline: Applications and supporting documents must be submitted electronically by June 1, 2026 or postmarked no later than June 1, 2026, if submitted by mail.

Announcement of Scholarship Recipients: The decision by the scholarship committee will be announced by July 15, 2026.

Submission of Application: The supplemental materials should be submitted electronically to Hemophilia@TSBDF.com. Supplemental materials should be emailed as separate electronic documents (e.g., PDF files). Please label your supplemental electronic files using your last name and first name initial. For example, Jane Doe would label the files as follows:

TSBDF Essay DoeJ.pdf

TSBDF Enrollment Proof DoeJ.pdf

TSBDF Transcript DoeJ.pdf

If it is not possible to send your supplemental materials as electronic documents, print out the electronic application, fill it out, and submit it together with the essay and supplemental materials in one packet, which must be postmarked by June 1, 2026. Mail to:

Helen Lamping
Tri-State Bleeding Disorder Foundation
635 W Seventh Street STE 407
Cincinnati OH 45203

Questions may be directed to:

Helen Lamping
513-961-4366
Hemophilia@tsbdf.com

Special Provisions: Scholarship payments will be made directly to the student's university/college or technical school.