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*A Foundation Dedicated to the Care, Comfort and Cure of Children with
Brain and Spinal Cord Tumors*

DEADLINE: May 1, 2026

(All application documents, including reference letters, must be received by the deadline)

The Michael Schwartz Scholarship Fund at Making Headway Foundation

APPLICATION

Note: This application can either be completed digitally, by hand (please print) or responses can be formatted in MS Word and typed or cut and pasted into the application.

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Address: _____

*City, State and Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Name and address of high school attended: _____

* - All applicants must be a brain or spinal cord tumor survivor living in NY, NJ, or CT metropolitan area. See requirements for more information.

NOTE: While information regarding test scores and academic performance is requested, such information will not be the focus of the Selection Committee's decision. Consideration will be given to the overall application and most importantly the candidate's ability and desire to overcome the challenges presented with a brain or spinal cord tumor diagnosis as well as his or her need for financial assistance.

Date of HS Graduation: _____

Type of Diploma: Scholastic Special Education Other (Describe) _____

If GED obtained, give date received: _____

Most recent GPA: _____ SAT: _____ ACT: _____

Dates of the above scores: _____

Please list any honors/awards/special recognition received:

Briefly, tell us about your brain or spinal cord tumor diagnosis and treatment. Include dates and places where treatment was received.

Please provide name and address of college (2- or 4-year) or vocational program you will be attending and attach proof of acceptance and documentation of costs for your enrollment. (If you have not as yet been accepted, please forward proof of acceptance as soon as it is received.) Please provide your intending or current college major.

Financial Information: Please attach documentation of financial need. Any of the following documents will serve:

- FAFSA Application
- Pell Grant Award Proof
- Most recent tax return (front page only)

If you need information about the FAFSA Application, please go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Personal Statement: As a separate attachment, please write a brief essay about yourself, your ambitions and how dealing with a brain or spinal cord tumor has impacted your life values and career goals. **(Essays must be 11 point type, double spaced, 2 pages maximum.)**

Letters of Recommendation: Please secure two letters of recommendation. These may be from teachers, educational advisors, or medical professionals. Please provide them with the guidelines and instructions attached to this application. Two copies are included for your convenience.

Report Card/Transcript: Please include copy of your most recent, full-year report card or transcript.

Would you be available for an interview in the New York area at a convenient time, if requested?

Yes No

DISCLOSURE:

I certify that all statements in this application are true. I understand that if I have not been truthful in any aspect of this process, I become ineligible for a scholarship and any funds I have been awarded will be terminated. I understand that all medical and financial information will remain confidential.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

(Parent or Guardian must also sign if applicant is under 18.)

Mail your completed application with required attachments to:

*The Making Headway Foundation Scholarships
115 King Street
Chappaqua, NY 10514*

REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION PACKAGE AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION IS MAY 1, 2026!

Attachments Checklist: Please make sure you submit the first four items yourself and follow-up with recommendation letters so that all items arrive at the Making Headway office by 5/1/26.

- Completed Application with signatures**
- Proof of Acceptance and documentation of cost**
- Personal Statement**
- Demonstration of Financial Need**
- Letters of Recommendation should be sent directly to the Foundation. Follow-up with those people recommending you to ensure they have sent the Letters of Recommendation.**
- Copy of your most recent, full-year report card or transcript.**