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

**DEADLINE: May 1, 2021**

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

**The Scott J. Reisser Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Making Headway Scholarship Fund**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a US Citizen?  Yes  No

If no, are you are permanent legal resident of the US?  Yes  No

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:**

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

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**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.**

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**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, 2021!**

**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 5/1/21.

- 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.**