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Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund Policy/Guidelines

Purpose

To establish and communicate a process to reward certain Qualified High School Seniors or Undergrad College Students who have a parent/parents or legal guardian who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Policy Statement

We Stand Together, Inc. recognizes that a child whose parent has been diagnosed with cancer is a major transition for that individual and family. In an effort to support students who are going through this life changing process, We Stand Together, Inc. will reward eligible students with a scholarship towards school expenses incurred.

Definitions

We Stand Together, Inc.: Includes We Stand Together, Inc. Nonprofit Organization based in Plantation, Florida.

Policy Implementation

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students are students who are current residents of Florida that are either a High School Senior or a College Undergraduate student who is currently enrolled at a Florida College/University. Students must have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA. The student must have a parent or legal guardian who has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing cancer treatments. Alternatively, the student must have had a parent or legal guardian who passed away from cancer between the dates of January 1, 2017 - Present. The eligible student must submit an essay explaining how cancer has impacted his or her life and how it has also impacted their family, in its entirety. Eligible students must submit the essay and all supporting documents by the given deadline, in order to be considered for scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

Eligible students will be rewarded if they are currently enrolled as a senior in High School or College Undergraduate student attending a Florida College/University. Currently enrolled means proof provided by proper documentation including a school letterhead. Students who are eligible must have had a parent/legal guardian who is currently diagnosed with cancer or has passed away from cancer between the dates of January 1, 2017 – Present.

Students must complete and submit a “We Stand Together, Inc. Scholarship Application” form together with proper documentation and an essay formally verifying all requirements provided. We Stand Together, Inc. Scholarship Committee will review requests and determine the qualified for the Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund reward, up to the rewarded limits. Upon receipt of the Application form and appropriate verifying documentation, We Stand Together, Inc. Scholarship committee will review the requests and determine whether any or all of the submitted documents represent Qualified Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund recipient eligibility under this policy. We Stand Together, Inc. Scholarship Committee will then award the qualified student up to \$1,000 per recipient. (Rewarded expenses are not grossed up and will be subject to all applicable taxes). Rewarded payments will be processed through a check disbursement and will be awarded as soon as administratively possible. A student who leaves school, drops out, on academic probation or not in good academic standing before eligible reward is dispersed is ineligible for scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP LIMITS

The lifetime maximum of the Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund for eligible students during their senior year in High school or as an Undergraduate in College is \$1,000 per recipient. Total scholarship reward is limited to the lifetime maximum. Students who have been previously awarded with the Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund are no longer eligible to apply in the future. A student may reapply if they have not yet been awarded a scholarship.

QUALIFIED DOCUMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

In order to be eligible for the Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund submitted documentation must be “Qualified” as defined and verified as set forth below. The following documents are considered Qualified and eligible for scholarship under this policy:

- **Proof parent or legal guardian is diagnosed with cancer**
- **Copy of birth certificate or court document showing proof of Legal Guardian**
- **Death Certificate (if parent is deceased)**
- **Proof of cancer treatment. Please see the following examples below. All forms must be signed by the treating physician.**
 - History of diagnosis and treatment with start and end date (if applicable).
 - Summary/Soap note from last appointment with an oncologist or treating physician, with history or present diagnosis/treatment with start and end date (if applicable).
- **Proof that they are a High school senior or College undergrad student (Verification of Enrollment)**
- **Unofficial Transcript to prove at least 3.0 GPA**
- **Essay including requested information**

Any request for scholarship **must be submitted with an essay within the deadline of March 1, 2021.** Essay provided must include:

- What type of cancer diagnosis does your parent/legal guardian have?
- How long has your parent/legal guardian been battling cancer?
- How has cancer impacted your life and your family's life?
- How do you remain a model student?
- How will you utilize the scholarship fund to help with your academic journey?
- Choose one of the following:
 - I. If you could change any part of the cancer journey for your parent/legal guardian, what part would it be?
 - II. If you can change any part of the cancer journey for yourself, what part would it be?

The following are not eligible for the scholarship:

- Highschool Seniors who are Non-Florida residents
- College undergraduates not attending a Florida College/University
- Student who has less than a 3.0 GPA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECIPIENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarship recipients will be required to agree to provide We Stand Together, Inc. permission to utilize their names and photographs on the organizations website, social media, and other fundraising or marketing materials whether now known or hereafter developed, without limitation or condition, to advance the nonprofit objectives for the Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund and its affiliated programs. Scholarship recipients will also be required to attend an event for scholarship public announcement.

PAYMENT

After all questions have been resolved about eligibility and accompanying documentation, the scholarship request will be processed through We Stand Together, Inc. Board of Directors and the scholarship amount and check will be disbursed as administratively possible.

Issuing Office: We Stand Together, Inc. Scholarship Committee