



**IBD Connect Inc. 2024 Scholarship Program**  
**Information and Instructions**

IBD Connect Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to support, engage, and empower pediatric inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) patients and their families. Our comprehensive programs and educational resources are designed to nurture the family dynamic, foster a sense of community, and facilitate the transition of pediatric IBD patients into adulthood. As part of our mission, IBD Connect Inc. is pleased to announce the launch of our scholarship program for the 2024-2025 academic year. To support the educational aspirations of students impacted by IBD, we will be awarding two scholarships, each valued at \$1,000, to eligible applicants who are enrolled in a U.S. college, university, or trade/vocational school for the upcoming 2024-2025 academic school year.

***Application Criteria:***

Applicants are eligible to apply if they:

- Are a U.S. citizen or legal resident.
- Have been diagnosed with either Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.
- Are enrolled in a U.S. college, university, or trade/vocational school for the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year.
- Have active involvement in one of IBD Connect's in-person or virtual support groups. Must have attended **at least one** meeting in 2023 or 2024.

***Application Requirements:***

To apply for the IBD Connect Inc. Scholarship, applicants must submit the following documents:

- Completed scholarship application form (separate document).
- Essay requirement (please see scholarship application form for prompt).
- Proof of U.S. citizenship (e.g., copy of passport, birth certificate, or naturalization certificate).
- Proof of enrollment in a U.S. college, university, or trade/vocational school for the academic year 2024-2025 (e.g., class schedule, enrollment confirmation).
- Documentation confirming the diagnosis of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) from a healthcare provider (e.g., doctor's letter, medical records).



***Application Submission and Deadline:***

Please submit your completed application and supporting documents via email to Lisa Fournier at [lisafournier@ibdconnectinc.org](mailto:lisafournier@ibdconnectinc.org) by **May 31st, 2024**. You may also choose to upload your application and supporting documents to IBD Connect's website, [www.ibdconnectinc.org](http://www.ibdconnectinc.org), by the same date. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

***Selection Process:***

The IBD Connect Inc. Board of Directors will review all applications and will select the scholarship recipients based on the eligibility criteria and personal essay. The two scholarship winners will be contacted by June 30th, 2024.

***Nondiscrimination Clause:***

IBD Connect Inc. is committed to providing scholarship awards to eligible applicants without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or any other protected status in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws. We do not discriminate in the provision of services, the granting of scholarship awards, or any other aspect of our organization's operations.

For any questions or inquiries regarding the IBD Connect Inc. Scholarship Program, please contact Lisa Fournier via email at [lisafournier@ibdconnectinc.org](mailto:lisafournier@ibdconnectinc.org) or phone at (508) 395-2278.

We look forward to receiving your applications and supporting the educational endeavors of students impacted by Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD).

Sincerely,

Lisa Fournier  
Director  
IBD Connect Inc.



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***Have questions or concerns? Contact us!***

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