



## 2025 Kim Hill Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in applying for a scholarship! We appreciate every entry and wish you the best of luck in your academic pursuits.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this scholarship program is to honor the legacy of Kim Hill, daughter of former Philadelphia Eagles player Fred Hill, through financial support for post-secondary education for survivors of pediatric cancer. The scholarship program is intended to help defray the costs of tuition and other expenses related to a student's education.

This award will be given to talented and motivated graduating high school seniors or those transferring from a community college to a bachelor's degree granting institution. Decisions will be made based on the merit of the application.

**Amount:** Four (4) scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each

**Deadline:** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Winners Notified:** May 2025

### Eligibility:

- U.S. Citizen
- Current high school senior who plans to continue education beyond high school (2 or 4-year college, or other professional/trade school)
  - *Exception:* Students who have attended a community college and are transferring to a bachelor's degree granting institution are also eligible.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- Confirmation of college acceptance or enrollment in a US accredited undergraduate or graduate institution by May 2025
- Current or previous pediatric cancer diagnosis
- Not a recipient of a full tuition scholarship
- If selected, agree to allow EFL/RMHC to share your name and picture on our website and/or social media platforms

### Preference is given to applicants who:

- Demonstrate financial need
- Live in or received primary treatment in the Greater Philadelphia Region; AND/OR stayed at a Ronald McDonald House in the Philadelphia Region; AND/OR attended Ronald McDonald Camp

### Application items needed:

- ☐ Completed application
- ☐ (1) Doctor's letter confirming cancer diagnosis (can be one of the two below letters)
- ☐ (2) Letters of recommendation from non-family members, including one from a teacher or individual who can speak to your academic abilities
- ☐ A report card or transcript which lists GPA
- ☐ Legal Guardian/Parent's page 1 of most recent tax return

- ☐ (optional) Letter from a third party (i.e., social worker or high school official) describing your financial need
- Interview, depending on the number of applicants

**Doctor letter confirming your diagnosis:** Please have them email their letter that includes your name and years they treated you to [victoria@rmhcphilly.org](mailto:victoria@rmhcphilly.org) no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, subject line "Scholarship Letter" OR they can upload via the link on <https://www.rmhcphilly.org/kimhillscholarship/> homepage.

**Information for Individuals Completing the Letter of Recommendation:** Please have those completing your letters describe their relationship to you and include any pertinent information they think is helpful for the scholarship committee. This may include any hurdles you have overcome, observations about your character, and/or your capacity for growth and contributions to the world around you.

- Two letters
  - One must be from a teacher or individual who can speak to your academic abilities
  - If your doctor completes a letter of recommendation as one of your two letters, a separate doctor letter confirming diagnosis is not required
  - Please have them email this letter to [victoria@rmhcphilly.org](mailto:victoria@rmhcphilly.org) no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> subject line "Scholarship Letter" OR they can upload via the link on <https://www.rmhcphilly.org/kimhillscholarship/> homepage.

**Selection Details:** Scholarship recipients will be selected by a panel of reviewers based on the following criteria and using a standardized rubric found here: <https://www.rmhcphilly.org/kimhillscholarship/> . Identifying information such as name will not be shared with committee members during the review process to ensure fairness to all applicants.

- Academic Performance and Career Interest
- Activity Involvement and Proudest Moment
- Recommendations
- Financial Need
- Personal Statements
- Personal Interviews, depending upon the number of qualified applicants

**Disbursement of Funds—**Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the recipient's educational institution to cover the costs of tuition and other related expenses.

**Reporting Requirements—**Scholarship recipients may be required to submit periodic reports detailing their academic progress and how they have used the scholarship funds to further their education. These reports will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the scholarship program and to ensure that the funds are being used as intended.

#### **Submission Details:**

- Applications can be submitted online via the form on this website: <https://www.rmhcphilly.org/kimhillscholarship/>. Recommenders can upload their letters here via the link listed as well.
- **OR** Application packets and supporting materials can also be mailed to:
  - Ronald McDonald House
  - Attn: Victoria Hepp
  - 3925 Chestnut St
  - Philadelphia, PA 19104



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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Email

Phone

Date of Birth

Cancer Diagnosis

Date of Diagnosis

Date of Remission (if applicable)

Name of Primary Treatment Hospital

Have you stayed at a Ronald McDonald House in the Philadelphia Region or attended Ronald McDonald Camp? If yes, write which one you are connected to.

High School Name

GPA

Colleges or Professional/Trade Schools Applied to:

Colleges or Professional/Trade Schools Accepted to:

*Community College or Professional/Trade School Currently Attending (if applicable).*

Intended/Actual Major or Course of Study

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Expected College Graduation Date

**LEGAL GUARDIAN/PARENT INFORMATION**

It is recommended that your legal guardian(s)/parent(s) help you fill out this section.

Legal Guardian/Parent #1

Name	
Highest Level of Education	
Annual Salary	
I have included the Tax Return First Page of their most recent tax return *required	<input type="checkbox"/>

Legal Guardian/Parent #2

Name	
Highest Level of Education	
Annual Salary	
I have included the Tax Return First Page of their most recent tax return *required if filling separately from legal guardian #1	<input type="checkbox"/>

**(optional) ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL NEED INFORMATION**

It is recommended that your legal guardian(s)/parent(s) help you fill out this section.

If your family has experienced a significant financial change or challenge that will impact your ability to afford educational expenses, you may choose to either (A) have a 3rd party, i.e. social worker or high school official, submit a statement of need, or (B) provide a general written statement (without specific financial details) about the change or challenge impacting your need.

Third party statement can be emailed to [victoria@rmhcphilly.org](mailto:victoria@rmhcphilly.org) OR they can upload via the link on <https://www.rmhcphilly.org/kimhillscholarship/> homepage. Your general statement can be provided in the space below.

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## ABOUT YOU

**Activities List**—Please provide a detailed list of all your involvements, including work experience, extracurricular activities, volunteer service, and any other significant achievements (i.e., Eagle Scout project). For each activity, include:

- i. **The name of the activity or organization.**
- ii. **Your role/level:** Specify if you were a member, officer, founder, other, or met a certain achievement level such as black belt.
- iii. **Dates involved:** Indicate the time period you participated.
- iv. **Hours committed:** Provide an estimate of the total hours you dedicated to each activity.
- v. **Paid or volunteer:** Clarify whether the activity was paid, volunteer, or extra-curricular.
- vi. **Description of activity:** 1 sentence description of what you did and what the activity was if it is not clear by the name.

b. If your diagnosis has been a barrier to participating in activities, please share how it has impacted your involvement and what types of activities you plan to pursue after high school.

Activity Example:

1. Springfield Cross Country & Track Team (captain); 3 years—took a break JR year due to treatment. 14 hours weekly over a 12-week season (168 a season, 5 seasons total of 840 hours); extra-curricular; participated in daily running and strengthening practices, competing in the 400m race. Senior year I served as captain which required meeting with coaches, guiding new teammates and being a positive example.

Please list any awards or honors you may have received (i.e., honor roll, academic honor societies, extracurricular honors, etc.)

**Proudest Moment**— Please describe a moment, situation, or accomplishment that you are most proud of. Why does this stand out to you, and what does it mean to you personally? Please write your response in paragraph form (max of 2,000 characters)

### Personal Essay

On the back of this sheet, please write a brief personal statement (maximum 1 page, single spaced) to cover the below. We are excited to learn more about you!

1. What type of impact do you want to have in the world?
2. What are your educational and career goals and how will they help you reach the impact you talked about in question 1?
3. How have those goals been impacted or shaped by your journey with cancer?
4. What character traits, special gifts/interests do you have that will help you succeed in college/professional school and beyond?

### FINAL THOUGHTS

Thank you for sharing so much about yourself in this application—we can't wait to cheer you on as we review your responses. Finally, is there anything additional you would like to share with the scholarship committee to help them to get a better picture of who you are or your need for the scholarship? If none, please write "n/a."

I certify that I, the applicant, have completed this application on my own (except for help with the financial questions as needed) and all the information contained within is true and original.

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date