



Boston North Cancer Association College Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: April 1, 2019

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Boston North Cancer Association, Inc. (BNCA), is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing vital resources for cancer treatment, prevention, education and care exclusively to communities north of Boston, Massachusetts. Since 1944, BNCA (formerly Lynn Cancer Association, Inc.) has invested more than \$1,000,000 in cancer-related medical resources, support services, and educational programs to benefit residents north of Boston. The purpose of the BNCA Scholarship Program is to help promising students overcome the challenges and hardships posed by cancer so they may achieve their dreams of higher education.

Below are our scholarship opportunities:

- **David J. Solimine Sr. Honorary Scholarship, \$3,500**

The David J. Solimine Sr. Honorary Scholarship is awarded to one college-bound, north of Boston high school senior who is a cancer survivor or is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. David J. Solimine Sr. is a life-long resident of Lynn, MA. The founder and director of Solimine Funeral Homes, David is deeply committed to the health and wellbeing of North Shore residents. A long-serving member of BNCA's Board of Directors, he is a dedicated and active community leader who recognizes the importance of giving back and investing in the community he calls home. David's generosity has touched the lives of many residents of the North Shore.

- **Mary Barbuzzi Breast Cancer Scholarship, \$3,500**

The Mary Barbuzzi Breast Cancer Scholarship is awarded to a college-bound, north of Boston high school senior whose parent is currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer, is a breast cancer survivor, or passed away from breast cancer. Mary Barbuzzi was a successful businesswoman who developed Freedom Home Care into a top private home care agency on the North Shore. A positive and happy person, Mary had a big heart and dedicated her life to her family, friendships, patients, and bettering the world around her. A BNCA board member for over 10 years, Mary tragically lost her battle to breast cancer in March of 2018.

- **The Hope Begins Here Scholarship, \$3,500**

The Hope Begins Here Scholarship will be awarded to one college-bound, north of Boston high school senior whose parent passed away from cancer, survived cancer during the applicant's childhood years, or is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. This scholarship is awarded in honor of the BNCA's Hope Begins Here Award recipient, a person who has dedicated their time, talents and treasure to cancer prevention and treatment. This year's recipient is Dr. Joel Schwartz. Dr. Schwartz has devoted his life's work to cancer research, treatment and prevention. Currently serving as the Medical Oncology Network Director for the MGH Cancer Center, he responsible for overseeing cancer care at all of the Mass General Cancer Center satellite hospitals. Prior to his role at Mass General, he served as the Director of the North Shore Cancer Center in Peabody for 15 years. In practice for over 20 years, Dr. Schwartz has been honored for his work in organizing multidisciplinary clinics for cancer patients as well as for his clinical expertise in caring for cancer patients.



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Scholarship Application Process

BNCA restricts scholarship funding to applicants who **reside** in one of the following communities:

Amesbury, Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Middleton, Nahant, Newbury, Newburyport, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Salisbury, Saugus, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham, West Newbury.

One applicant will be selected for each scholarship category above from a competitive application process. Application forms may be typed or handwritten. Answers to essay questions must be typed. This is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship. BNCA will prioritize applicants with financial need for consideration. Or visit bostonnorthcancer.org for an online application.

Deadline for applications is April 1, 2019. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications may be emailed to info@bostonnorthcancer.org or mailed to:

Boston North Cancer Association
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 3153
Peabody, MA 01960

Recipient Information

BNCA will notify applicants about award decisions by April 15. The scholarship awards will be presented at a special reception on **May 2, 2019**. The scholarship award recipients are **required to attend** this event as a condition of accepting the scholarship. In order to issue the scholarship payment, scholarship recipients must submit written documentation from the college/university to BNCA indicating that the recipients are actively enrolled for the fall 2019 semester.

The submission of a scholarship application shall constitute the applicant's authorization to Boston North Cancer Association, Inc. to use the applicant's personal information and photographs for the purpose of promoting the association and the scholarship program.

For questions or additional information, please contact Boston North Cancer Association at 877-270-0370 and info@bostonnorthcancer.org, or visit www.bostonnorthcancer.org.

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Which scholarship are you applying for (choose one):

- David J. Solimine Sr. Honorary Scholarship, \$3,500
- Mary Barbuzzi Breast Cancer Scholarship, \$3,500
- The Hope Begins Here Scholarship, \$3,500

I. Application: Please type or print clearly.

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Name of High School _____

High School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Anticipated Date of High School Graduation: _____ Cumulative High School GPA: _____

Colleges/Universities Where Applied (please indicate application status as Accepted, Rejected, Wait-Listed, or Awaiting Response):

Intended Major: _____

Extra-Curricular/Volunteer Activities – (include dates of participation and leadership roles):

Employment History (include company name(s), position(s), and employment date(s):

Are You Eligible for Financial Aid? Please check one: Yes No

II. Essay Questions: Please answer the following questions in three pages or less.

1. How has cancer played a role in your life and in your goals for the future?
2. Who or what inspired you to pursue a college degree? If you have declared your major, please indicate who or what inspired your choice of major as well.



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III. References:

Please list two references and include their typed and signed letters of recommendation to support your application.
Please note: References from friends or family members will not be considered.

Reference #1

Name _____
Position _____
Organization/Business _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____ Email Address _____
Relationship to Applicant _____

Reference #2

Name _____
Position _____
Organization/Business _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____ Email Address _____
Relationship to Applicant _____

IV. Physician Letter: Please include a signed letter from your physician on official letterhead verifying that you qualify for this scholarship with a past or present cancer diagnosis.

V. Submission: Check that you have included the following required items with this application:

- Signed Application Form (pages 3 and 4)
- Essay Questions (maximum of 3 pages)
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Official Signed Copy of High School Transcript
- Physician Letter: Please include a signed letter from a physician on official letterhead verifying a past or present cancer diagnosis.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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