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Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund Policy

Purpose

To establish and communicate a process for rewarding qualified high school seniors and undergraduate college students who have been diagnosed with cancer themselves or have a parent or legal guardian who has been diagnosed with or passed away from cancer.

Policy Statement

We Stand Together Inc. understands that attending college represents a significant transition for students coping with cancer—whether they themselves have been diagnosed with cancer, have a parent diagnosed with cancer, or have lost a parent to cancer. To support these students during this challenging time, We Stand Together Inc. offers scholarships to help cover educational expenses.

Definitions

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

Policy Implementation

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be current Florida residents who are either high school seniors or currently enrolled undergraduate college students. They must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have been diagnosed with cancer. Alternatively, eligibility extends to students whose parent or legal guardian has either been diagnosed with cancer or passed away from the disease. Applicants are required to submit an essay detailing how cancer has impacted their life and their family, along with all supporting documents, by the specified deadline to be considered for the scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

Eligible students will be rewarded if they are currently enrolled as a senior in High School or College Undergraduate student. Currently enrolled means providing proof with proper documentation including a school letterhead. Students who are eligible must have been diagnosed with cancer or have had a parent or legal guardian who is currently diagnosed with cancer or has passed away from cancer.

Students must complete and submit a “We Stand Together, Inc., NMS Scholarship Fund Application” form together with required documentation and the essay answering the questions provided below. We Stand Together, Inc., Scholarship Committee will review applications and determine eligibility for the Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund, up to the rewarded limits. 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, is placed on academic probation, or is not in good academic standing is not eligible to receive the 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 with the NMS 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 below. The following documents are considered Qualified and eligible for scholarship under this policy:

- **Proof that yourself, parent, or legal guardian has been diagnosed with cancer.**
- **Copy of birth certificate or court document showing proof of Legal Guardian**
- **Death Certificate (if applicable)**
- **Proof of cancer treatment. All forms must be signed by the treating physician.**
Examples below:
 - 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 you 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**

NMS Scholarship Fund applications must be submitted with an essay by the deadline provided on the Scholarship Fund application. Essay provided must include:

- What type of cancer diagnosis do you, your parent, or your legal guardian have?
- How long have you, your parent, or legal guardian been battling cancer?
- How has cancer affected your life and your family's life?
- Knowing how cancer has a big impact on lives, how do you remain a model student?
- How will you utilize the scholarship fund to help with your academic journey?
- Please respond to the following prompt:
 - I. If you could change any aspect of the cancer journey for yourself, your parent, or your legal guardian, what would it be and why?

The following are not eligible for the scholarship:

- High School Seniors who are Non-Florida residents
- College undergraduates not attending a Florida College/University
- Students who have less than a 3.0 GPA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECIPIENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarship recipients must agree to grant We Stand Together, Inc. permission to use their names and photographs on the organization's website, social media, and other fundraising or marketing materials, both currently known and developed in the future. This permission is granted without limitation or condition and is intended to further the nonprofit objectives of the Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund and its affiliated programs. Recipients may also be required to participate in an event for the public announcement of the scholarship.

PAYMENT

After the Scholarship Committee has reviewed all applications, the scholarship request will be processed through We Stand Together, Inc. Board of Directors and the scholarship amount and check will be provided as soon as administratively possible.

Issuing Office: We Stand Together, Inc. NMS Scholarship Committee