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Supporting Research, Education  
and Awareness of **CRPS**

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## **Fight the Flame® CRPS Awareness Scholarship**

The Fight the Flame® CRPS Awareness Scholarship aims to encourage students to raise awareness about Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), a chronic, degenerative, neurological pain disorder.

Despite appearing "healthy" on the outside, individuals with CRPS often struggle to manage their pain and lead normal lives. CRPS is an invisible disease, similar to fibromyalgia, depression, diabetes, and eating disorders.

It can be difficult for those with CRPS to cope with others downplaying their illness due to its invisibility. Raising awareness, supporting education, and funding research for CRPS is crucial to finding a cure for this debilitating pain disorder. As part of our advocacy work, we are offering two Fight the Flame® CRPS Awareness Scholarships of \$1,000 each to high school seniors.

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible for this opportunity, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be a high school senior in good standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and scheduled to graduate in the spring of the current school year.
- You must have been accepted to and be planning to pursue a four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited institution. (A copy of your acceptance letter is required.)

### **Requirements:**

Applicants must:

- Submit a complete application
- Answer one essay question (500 words)
- Provide a complete communication log sheet
- Submit a copy of the college acceptance letter

*Please take note of the following information:*

### **Application Deadline:**

All items must be submitted together by April 10, 2025 to: [Info@FightTheFlame.org](mailto:Info@FightTheFlame.org)

or: Fight The Flame  
c/o Beth Stillitano  
8412 Sars Field Court  
Marvin, North Carolina 28173

**Amount of Scholarship:** The one-time award amount of \$1,000 is non-renewable. Formal notifications of the scholarship award will be made to the recipient no later than June 10, 2025.

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## Scholarship Application

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section 1:**

#### **Essay (500 words):**

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) is considered the most painful disease known to modern medicine, yet it remains relatively unknown to the general public. Many CRPS patients do not appear visibly ill and are often overlooked by the medical community. It is important to note that anyone can develop CRPS at any point in their life.

*How can awareness about an invisible disease like CRPS be raised to help patients, families, and communities access resources for support and treatment?*

### **Section 2:**

#### **Spreading CRPS Awareness:**

Ask at least 10 people over the age of 18 whether they have ever heard of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.

- If they have, find out how they learned about it and what information they already know. Then, share any additional information you have learned.
- If they have not heard of it, share the facts about the disease using the information you have researched.



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## Communication Log

Applicants must teach at least 10 people (friends and family 18 years of age or older) about Complex Regional Pain Syndrome and complete the Communication Log below.

Names and contact information will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed to any third parties. However, as a scholarship participant, the contact information you provide will be used to verify that the individuals on the list have been educated about CRPS.

	First and Last name	Previous knowledge of CRPS	How was CRPS discussed	Phone number
1		( ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Phone ( ) In Person	
2		( ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Phone ( ) In Person	
3		( ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Phone ( ) In Person	
4		( ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Phone ( ) In Person	
5		( ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Phone ( ) In Person	
6		( ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Phone ( ) In Person	
7		( ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Phone ( ) In Person	
8		( ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Phone ( ) In Person	
9		( ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Phone ( ) In Person	
10		( ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Phone ( ) In Person	