

BELOVEDS A NANIA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTIONS

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the BELOVEDS A Nania Foundation Scholarship.

This scholarship was established in loving memory of our brother, Angelo Nania, who passed away at the age of 49 from an aortic dissection caused by vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (vEDS), and our father, Angelo Nania, who passed away at the age of 51 from complications believed to be related to vEDS. Their legacy inspires our commitment to supporting individuals and families affected by vEDS in pursuing their educational goals.

We are honored to invest in the future of our community and wish you the very best in your educational journey.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the \$1,000 BELOVEDS A Nania Foundation Scholarship, applicants must meet ONE of the following eligibility criteria:

- Have a parent or legal guardian diagnosed with vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (vEDS); or
- Have a confirmed diagnosis of vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (vEDS), including applicants with a de novo mutation.

Applicants must also submit the following:

1. Complete ONE (1) essay of approximately 750 words by responding to ONE of the prompts below. Essays should be substantive and thoughtfully address the selected prompt.
2. A copy of your current or upcoming semester class schedule from your college, university, trade school, or technical school.
3. Documentation of eligibility: if applying based on a parent or legal guardian's diagnosis, submit documentation confirming their diagnosis (a physician's note or similar documentation is acceptable). If applying based on your own diagnosis (including a de novo mutation), submit documentation confirming your diagnosis.
4. Proof of residency within the United States.

Essay Prompts

Option A

Describe an experience that significantly shaped your perspective on life. What did you learn from it, and how has it influenced the person you are today?

Option B

Write a letter to someone who has been newly diagnosed with vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (vEDS). What would you want them to know? What message of hope, encouragement, or advice would you share?

Option C

Supporting others can take many forms. Describe what supporting others looks like in your everyday life. How have your actions or experiences made a difference to those around you?

Please email all required materials to: NaniaFamily@belovedsfoundation.org

All information will be verified.

Applications are due by October 1. Applicants will be notified within four weeks of the application deadline.



BELOVEDS A NANIA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address (will be used to notify applicant): _____

Cell phone number: _____

Applicant diagnosed with vEDS? Yes No

If yes, Date of Diagnosis:

Parent/Legal Guardian's Legal Name:

Parent/Legal Guardian diagnosed with vEDS? Yes No

If yes, Date of Diagnosis:

Please email your completed application and all required supporting documentation to
NaniaFamily@belovedsfoundation.org.