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Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund Policy

Purpose

To establish and communicate a process to reward certain Qualified High School Seniors or Undergrad College Students who have a parent/parents or legal guardian who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Policy Statement

We Stand Together Inc. recognizes that a child who has a parent diagnosed with cancer is a major transition for that individual and family. In an effort to support students who are going through this life changing process, We Stand Together, Inc. will reward eligible students with a scholarship towards school expenses incurred.

Definitions

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

Policy Implementation

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students **MUST** be current residents of Florida that are either a High School Senior or a College Undergraduate who is currently enrolled. Students must have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA. The student must have a parent or legal guardian who has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing cancer treatments. The eligible student must submit an essay explaining how cancer has impacted his/her life and how it has also impacted their family, in its entirety. Eligible students must submit the essay and all supporting documents by the given deadline, in order 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 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, on academic probation or not in good academic standing before eligible reward is dispersed is ineligible for 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 parent or legal guardian is diagnosed with cancer.**
- **Copy of birth certificate or court document showing proof of Legal Guardian**
- **Death Certificate**
- **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**

Any request for NMS Scholarship Fund must be submitted with an essay within the deadline provided on the NMS Scholarship Fund application. Essay provided must include:

- What type of cancer diagnosis does your parent or legal guardian have?
- How long has 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?
- Choose one of the following:
 - I. If you could change any part of the cancer journey for your parents or legal guardian, what part would it be?
 - II. If you can change any part of the cancer journey for yourself, what part would it be?

The following are not eligible for the scholarship:

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECIPIENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarship recipients will be required to agree to provide We Stand Together, Inc. permission to utilize their names and photographs on the organizations website, social media, and other fundraising or marketing materials whether now known or hereafter developed, without limitation or condition, to advance the nonprofit objectives for the Natalie Marc Surpris Scholarship Fund and its affiliated programs. Scholarship recipients will also be required to participate in an event for scholarship public announcement.

PAYMENT

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

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