



International Essential Tremor Foundation (IETF)

# College Scholarship Program

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Karissa Hartzell  
2015 Scholarship  
award winner

Students of all ages who have been diagnosed with essential tremor (ET) are encouraged to apply for an IETF College Scholarship. Each semester the IETF will provide four qualified students with a \$1,000 scholarship to help lessen the burden of attaining higher education. Scholarships may be used to cover the cost of supplies, books, student fees or tuition at a licensed, accredited educational institution or trade school. Funds are paid directly to the school.

The IETF Scholarship Committee, made up of members of the IETF Board of Directors, will review each application. Students will be judged based on their academic achievement, leadership skills and/or community service, as well as a submitted essay.

Those individuals awarded an IETF Scholarship will have their essays and photographs published in *Tremor Talk*, the IETF's lifestyle magazine and in other related IETF publications. A press release will also be submitted to the student's local media, to help raise awareness of essential tremor and gain needed support within the students own hometown.

All persons with essential tremor--regardless of age, vocational goals or physical location in the world--are encouraged to apply. The IETF does not discriminate based on age, race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

## Eligibility requirements:

- High school or GED graduate of any age attending a licensed, accredited institution of higher learning
- Applicant has been diagnosed with ET

## Scholarship criteria:

- Academic success (at least a 2.5 GPA)
- Community service and/or Leadership skills
- Essay submission, limited to 500 words, answering the question: "How has ET affected my life?" *If you were previously awarded an IETF scholarship, you must submit a new essay.*

## Application materials to be submitted:

- Completed application form (obtained on the IETF website)
- Letter of acceptance from the educational program director
- Most recent high school or higher education transcript
- Essay (see *Scholarship criteria* above)
- Doctor's letter of ET diagnosis

**All application materials MUST be submitted together for consideration. Applications missing materials will be ineligible.**

IETF board members and donors contributing greater than \$10,000 and family members (siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles) are excluded from applying for and receiving scholarships. Receiving a scholarship or a denial does not preclude an individual from re-applying for a scholarship in the future. An individual may apply each semester provided they follow the printed guidelines.



Children are incredibly resilient.  
They can accomplish amazing  
things--with a bit of determination,  
understanding and support.

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**Application submission deadlines:**

All scholarship application materials should be submitted electronically as *one document* to [pmccartney@essentialtremor.org](mailto:pmccartney@essentialtremor.org) OR mailed to IETF, Attn: Patrick McCartney, PO Box 14005, Lenexa, KS 66285 according to the following schedule:  
Fall Semester – Applicant deadline is May 1 with award announcement by July 15;  
Spring Semester – Applicant deadline is October 31 with award announcement December 15.

**Authority to award grants:**

All scholarship applicants acknowledge the Board of Directors of the IETF is the only entity authorized to award scholarships on behalf of the IETF. The amounts of and occasions for awarding such scholarships, if any shall be awarded at all, shall be wholly within the sole and exclusive discretion of said Board. Decisions are final and not subject to review for any reason.

**For further information:**

Please contact Patrick McCartney at 888-387-3667 or [pmccartney@essentialtremor.org](mailto:pmccartney@essentialtremor.org).



Austin Sielkkinen,  
2016 Scholarship award winner

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**Application submission checklist:**

(All requirements must be completed/valid for application consideration.)

- Do you (applicant) have ET?
- Does your GPA meet the 2.5 GPA minimum?
- Are you a high school graduate who is (planning on) attending a licensed, accredited institution of higher learning?
- Did you submit an essay with the application?
- Did you include a high school or college transcript(s) or the equivalent with the application?
- Did you include a letter of acceptance from the educational program director with the application?
- Did you include a doctor's letter confirming ET diagnosis with the application?
- If you were previously awarded an IETF scholarship, did you submit a new application, essay, and transcript?

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The mission of the International Essential Tremor Foundation (IETF) is to provide global educational information, services and support to children and adults challenged by essential tremor (ET), to their families and health care providers, as well as to promote and fund ET research.