



2018 Sarepta Therapeutics – Route 79, The Duchenne Scholarship Program

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Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible for this award, you must:

- have a Duchenne muscular dystrophy diagnosis.
- be a high school senior or a college freshman, sophomore, or junior in good academic standing (not on probation per the school's guidelines) who has been accepted to or enrolled into an accredited college or university or a trade, technical, or vocational school located in the United States.
- be a legal resident of the United States.
- consent to disclose eligibility information with ISTS (International Scholarship & Tuition Services), Sarepta Therapeutics and the academic institution.
- not be a Sarepta employee, consultant or agent, or an immediate family member of an employee, consultant or agent.

Does the applicant need to use a Sarepta product or investigational product?

No. This scholarship is for any person diagnosed with Duchenne. Use of a Sarepta product or investigational product is not considered.

When is the application deadline?

May 31, 2018 at 11:59 PM PT

When is the recommendation deadline?

June 7, 2018

Recommendations must be completed by the deadline to result in a complete application. It is the applicant's responsibility to follow up with their designated references to ensure that recommendation forms are completed and submitted by the deadline.

Should I submit all of my information before I request a recommendation?

No. You should request a recommendation as early as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for the recommendation to be submitted by the deadline. Important: Make sure you have answered all of the questions on the Applicant and Academics page before requesting your recommendations.

What is the Program timeline?

- Application Opens: March 20, 2018
- Application Deadline: May 31, 2018
- Recommendation Deadline: June 7, 2018
- Panel Decisions: June 2018
- Scholarship Recipients Notified: July 2018
- Scholarship Checks Issued to school: July 2018
- Public Announcement: Duchenne Awareness Day, September 7, 2018

What are the selection criteria?

Applications will be evaluated based on the following elements:

- Essay
- Community involvement
- Academic achievements
- Recommendation
- Statement of career and educational goals or objectives

Decisions will be made by a panel comprised of members of the Duchenne community. No Sarepta employees will be on the panel but Sarepta is responsible for selecting the individuals on the panel. Decisions of the selection committees are final and are not subject to appeal. No application feedback will be given.

What are the details of the award?

- Up to 10 scholarships will be awarded to U.S. applicants. The award amount is up to \$10,000. All scholarships will be awarded one time, the award is not renewable or cannot be distributed for multiple years of matriculation.
- The scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course load at accredited colleges or universities or trade, technical, or vocational schools located in the United States
- Students may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award

Is this scholarship renewable?

No, this is a one-time scholarship. Applicants may reapply if they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.



Which school should I list on the application if I have not made a final decision?

You should list your first choice on the application. If you are chosen to receive an award, it will be your responsibility to make certain ISTS is aware of your final school choice so that your check can be issued to the correct school.

How do I change my school choice?

You may update your final school choice on the **My Profile** page at <https://aim.applyISTS.net>. If you are chosen to receive an award, it will be your responsibility to make sure your college is updated at least 30 days prior to the date the check will be issued. This date will be stated in the award notification and any school changes will need to be made so your check can be issued accordingly. This change will not update any application or acceptance forms; however, all awards are issued based on the **My Profile** page.

How do I know if my application is complete?

Allow five to seven business days after uploading documents for your online status to update. You may monitor the status of your application on your home page at <https://aim.applyISTS.net>.

- **Started:** items are needed or are being processed. To see the items, click the grey or yellow 'Started' tile next to the application title. This will open another box listing all required items and the current status of each.
- **Complete:** all required forms and attachments (if applicable) have been received and your application will be considered for the scholarship

You may also monitor the status of your attachments and recommendations (if applicable).

- **Not Received:** the attachment has not been received
- **Not Started:** the form has not been requested or started
- **Requested:** the form request has been created, but the form has not been started
- **Processing:** the attachment has been received and is being reviewed
- **Rejected:** the attachment was not accepted and has been rejected
- **Accepted:** the attachment has been verified and accepted by ISTS

It is the responsibility of the applicant to monitor the progress of all application requirements to make sure the application is complete. The status **Complete** will display on the home page when all forms have been submitted and all documents have been verified.

I uploaded a document that no longer displays on my application. Do I need to upload it again?

There are two situations where your attachment might not upload:

- You upload a file with the same name as one that has already been accepted
- You upload a file with the same name as one that is waiting to be processed

Example: You upload your school transcript file and then try to upload the same file with the same name for your test scores requirement because your scores were on it. You simply need to rename the file in order to upload it again so that it may be processed as your test scores.

How do I upload more than one file at a time?

You may create a .zip file containing more than one file as long as everything included is in an acceptable format (i.e. .pdf, .tif, .png, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .bmp and .xps).

How do I create a .zip file?

To use this format, follow the steps outlined below:

1. Create a new folder on your Desktop, name it the document type you will be uploading. For example, Test Scores, Transcript, or Financial Documentation.
2. Move all the pages you wish to upload into the new folder
3. Right click on the document from your Desktop:
 - PC Users: select “Send to,” followed by “Compressed (zipped) folder”
 - Mac Users: select “Compress ‘[folder name]’”
4. Your new .zip file will be located on your Desktop, ready to upload

What is the difference between Official and Unofficial Transcripts?

Official Transcripts must be obtained through your high school administration office, or your college registrar office. These transcripts are normally printed on official letterhead and/or state that they are official. These may contain a signature.

*Note: Your official transcript may come to you in a sealed envelope, stating it will become unofficial if opened. When scanning or copying your official transcripts, a watermark may appear noting they are now unofficial. **Despite any watermarks or sealed envelopes, you may open the envelope if needed to upload the document. These documents will still be considered official for our purposes.** When scanning or copying, you do not need to include a copy of the sealed envelope.*

Unofficial Transcripts may be accessed through your school’s online student portal. These pages must still be converted to one of the acceptable file formats. There are free tools available that will allow you to save various documents (including web pages) as a PDF. Unofficial transcripts must contain your name and the school name and contact information.

What are the DOs and DON'Ts of uploading documents to my application?

- DO:**
- Upload in the correct file format
 - Only upload the requested documents
 - Blackout any Social Security numbers on the documents you are uploading. This is not required, but advised.
 - Return to your home page at <https://aim.applyISTS.net> to verify your documents have been accepted

- DON'T:**
- Upload a Microsoft Word™ document (.doc, .docx) or any other format we don't accept
 - Upload more than the requested documentation
 - Assume your documents are correct and accepted once you have uploaded them
 - Upload a document stating you are mailing your documents
 - Assume the required document does not pertain to you. If the application states the document is required, your application will remain incomplete if you do not provide that document.
 - Password protect your uploaded documents. Password protected documents will be rejected.
 - Upload any file that has a viewing expiration date

Where and when should I send my supporting documents?

The required supporting documents must be uploaded to your online application by the application deadline. If you do not follow the upload instructions exactly, your application may not be considered. Documents that meet the criteria required for the scholarship application, and are uploaded by the deadline, will be processed and considered on time.

How and when will I receive a decision notification?

- Notifications are sent to recipients and applicants not selected to receive an award **via email** by July. For recipients, an **Acceptance** link will be displayed on the home page following the notification.
- Add donotreply@applyISTS.com and contactus@applyISTS.com to your email address book or “safe senders list” to ensure these important emails are not sent to your junk mail folder.
- **Do not ‘opt out’ of any email sent from donotreply@applyISTS.com or contactus@applyISTS.com. You may not receive vital information regarding your scholarship applications.**

Note: Your email address will only be used to communicate with you about your scholarship applications or other opportunities administered by ISTS for which you may be eligible to apply. We will not provide your email address to any third parties.

What are my responsibilities if I am chosen as a recipient?

You must enroll as a full-time student in the fall of the year in which the scholarships are awarded, continue the entire academic year without interruption unless approved by the scholarship sponsor, deliver your scholarship check(s) to the proper office at your institution with its attached instructions, and notify ISTS should your check not arrive within 30 days of the issue date.

How and when are checks issued?

Checks will be issued in July to each recipient’s mailing address and made payable to the institution on the **My Profile** page.

Are scholarships taxable?

Tax laws vary by country. In the United States, scholarship funds used exclusively for the payment of tuition or textbooks are normally not taxable. The scholarship recipient is responsible for taxes, if any, that may be assessed against his or her scholarship award. We recommend consulting your tax advisor for more guidance. You may also [click here](#) to consult IRS Publication 970 for further information.

Who administers this program?

To ensure complete impartiality in selection of recipients and to maintain a high level of professionalism, the program is administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services (ISTS), Inc., a firm that specializes in managing sponsored scholarship programs.

Who do I contact if I have other questions?

For additional information regarding the scholarship application process, [click here](#) to contact ISTS via email or call them toll free at (800) 914-8389. Their offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM CT.