



CHICAGO BEARS COLLIN WEHR SCHOLARSHIP

The Chicago Bears Collin Wehr Scholarship program provides financial assistance to young cancer survivors or the siblings of children who lost their battle with pediatric cancer. The scholarship program is designed to ease the financial and emotional hardships associated with fighting cancer and to provide the opportunity for young people affected by cancer to pursue their post-secondary education from an accredited university, college, community college, or vocational technical school.

The inspiration for this scholarship comes from our dear friend, Collin Wehr, who ended his battle with pediatric cancer in March 2013. Collin first visited Halas Hall in 2011 to fulfill his wish of being a NFL Network reporter and reporting live from Halas Hall alongside Tom Waddle. Collin and the Wehr family became a permanent part of the Bears family that day, and this scholarship serves as a tribute to this very special young man.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Survivor of pediatric cancer, currently receiving treatment for pediatric cancer, or the sibling of a child who bravely fought but ended their battle with pediatric cancer
- Cancer diagnosis occurred before age 18 and applicant is younger than age 23 at the time of application
- Currently completing senior year of high school and/or scheduled to graduate from high school during this school year or currently enrolled in an accredited university, college, community college or vocational technical school
- Accepted without condition to an accredited university, college, community college or vocational technical school
- Must become a full-time student at an accredited university, college, community college or vocational technical school in the U.S. during the upcoming academic year
- Must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Illinois or northwest Indiana

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

The Chicago Bears Collin Wehr Scholarship program will provide a one-time, non-renewable scholarship. The scholarship can be used to pay tuition, books, and room and board at an accredited university, college, community college or vocational technical school. Once enrollment in a post-secondary institution is confirmed, the Chicago Bears will pay the scholarship directly to the academic institution.

All applicants must be either a survivor of pediatric cancer, currently receiving treatment for pediatric cancer, or the sibling of a child who lost their battle with pediatric cancer. Applicants will be required to verify this information, and those who do not meet these criteria will not be eligible for this scholarship.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered



APPLICATION FOR CHICAGO BEARS COLLIN WEHR SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICANT

Applicant's Last Name _____ Applicant's First Name _____ Applicant's Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender: M____ F____ U.S. Citizen: Yes____ No____
*If no, applicant is not eligible for this scholarship

Parents'/Guardians' Last Name _____ Parents'/Guardians' First Name _____

How did you hear about this scholarship program? _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:

When will you/did you graduate from high school? Month _____ Year _____

High School Name _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

G.P.A. (cumulative) _____

NOTE: You must submit official transcript(s) of final grades for all courses taken from 9th grade to your most recently completed semester of high school. Transcript must include signature and/or official school seal. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.



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UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Name of University, College, Community College or Vocational Technical School

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Planned Major or Area of Study: _____

Have you been officially accepted for admission? Yes____ No____

**If yes, you must provide a copy of acceptance letter*

**If no, applicant is not eligible for this scholarship*

If you have not yet received an acceptance letter, please indicate when you anticipate receiving it:

Estimated yearly aggregate cost for tuition, books, and room and board for the 2025/2026 academic year:

\$ _____

Where do you plan to live? On campus ____ Off-campus (not home) ____ Home ____ Other ____

Are you receiving any other scholarships or Financial Assistance? If so, please provide details.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

____ UNDER \$50,000

____ \$50,000-\$100,000

____ \$100,000-\$150,000

____ \$150,000-\$200,000

____ OVER \$200,000

ESSAYS:

Select two of the four questions below to answer. Attach answers on a separate page (max. 500 words each):

- Describe your experience with pediatric cancer, either as a survivor or as the sibling of a child who battled the disease. How has this experience shaped your perspective on life and influenced your educational and career aspirations?
- Reflect on a significant personal challenge you have faced outside of your experience with cancer. How did you overcome this challenge, and what did you learn about yourself in the process?
- Discuss a goal you hope to achieve in the future that will contribute to making the world a better place. How do you plan to accomplish this goal, and what steps are you currently taking to work towards it?
- In what ways do you believe earning a college degree will help you achieve your future goals? Include your educational, professional, and personal aspirations in your response, and explain how this scholarship will support you in reaching these goals.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Please list any community service you have been involved with and the dates when you participated.

REFERENCE LETTERS:

You must include letters of recommendation from two non-related adult (family friend, teacher, coach, community leader, medical professional, etc.). The letter should address why the applicant is deserving of the Chicago Bears Collin Wehr Scholarship, and it should include the referrer's name, address and phone number.

Please note that essay responses, community service summary and reference letters will become the property of the Chicago Bears and may be used in promotional material and on ChicagoBears.com.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

**Initial below that you have read and agree with the following statements:*

1) Applicants who apply for the Chicago Bears Collin Wehr Scholarship must authorize release of their name, essay, reference letters, and general background information for use by the Chicago Bears Football Club, Inc. for promotional material and website.

Applicant _____

**Please initial*

Parent/Guardian _____

**Required if applicant is under the age of 18*

2) Applicant and parents/guardians grant authorization for the Chicago Bears to share scholarship information with the academic institution you plan to attend in the winter of 2025.

Applicant _____

**Please initial*

Parent/Guardian _____

**Required if applicant is under the age of 18*

3) Applicant and parents/guardians understand that simply because an applicant may be eligible for a Chicago Bears Collin Wehr Scholarship does not guarantee that such eligible applicant will receive a scholarship. The recipient(s) of the Chicago Bears Collin Wehr Scholarship and the amount of the awarded scholarship(s) will be determined by a selection committee. The decision of the committee is final and may not be appealed.

Applicant _____

**Please initial*

Parent/Guardian _____

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To certify that all statements contained in the application are true and the essays submitted were written by the applicant, please sign below:

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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DOCUMENTS TO INCLUDE:

- Official high school transcript that includes signature and/or official school seal
- Acceptance letter from university, college, community college or vocational technical school
- Answers to two essay questions
- Letters of recommendation from two non-related adults

CHECK LIST:

Only complete applications will be considered

- ___ Completed application form – including applicant and parent/guardian signatures
- ___ An official high school transcript that includes signature and/or official school seal
- ___ Acceptance letter from university, college, community college or vocational technical school
- ___ Answers to two essay questions
- ___ Summary of past community service
- ___ Letters of recommendation from two non-related adults

A complete application package must be submitted online or delivered via express mail or U.S. Mail by **January 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time.**

MAILING ADDRESS:

Chicago Bears Football Club, Inc.
Attn: Chicago Bears Collin Wehr Scholarship Program
1920 Football Drive
Lake Forest, IL 60045