

**New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association
Medical Student Scholarship Program
Spring, 2012**

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank-you for your interest in the Medical Student Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Scholarship offered by the New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association (NJCFSA) and administered through the Foundation of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage you to learn about Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) by writing an essay about this illness. CFS is also known as Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome (CFIDS), Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, ME, ME/CFS, and CFS-ME.

The NJCFSA Medical Student CFS Scholarship is **not** a financial need scholarship. It is open to **all** medical students who will be returning to any of New Jersey's three medical schools this fall. Previous winners of this scholarship are ineligible for the award. Previous applicants who have not won the award, are eligible to reapply.

The winner of the scholarship shall receive a \$3,000 award that will be applied toward the tuition of his/her second year of medical education.

Completed applications must be postmarked or electronically submitted no later than the first day of class of your school's Fall, 2012 semester.

This application or any portion of it may be downloaded from the New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association's website: <http://njcfsa.org>

We would also appreciate the opportunity to learn about you, and your goals as specified in the application.

We hope that the process of writing the essay for this scholarship, and possibly being the winner of it, will contribute to your becoming a physician who is better able to assist and provide compassionate care for patients suffering from CFS and similar, complex illnesses with no known cures.

In the event that the Judging Committee for the essay portion of this year's applications deems that no submitted essay satisfies the rigorous standards of scholarship needed to be a winning scholarship entry, then NJCFSA reserves the right not to award the NJCFSA Medical Student Scholarship for this year.

NJCFSA, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3), non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to supporting CFS patients and their families, and promoting education and research into the causes and cure of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS).

If you have any questions regarding your NJCFSA Medical Student Scholarship application, please contact Ramona M. Larsen at the Foundation of UMDNJ via email (rlarsen@njhf.org) or by phone (908-731-6592).

If you have questions about Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, the New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association, or are in need assistance in obtaining source material for your essay, please contact Dr. Kenneth J. Friedman, Chair, Medical Student Scholarship Committee by mail (NJCFSA, P.O. Box 477, Florham Park, NJ 07932), by telephone (802-645-0226) or by email (kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Friedman, Ph.D.
Chair, Medical Student Scholarship Committee
New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association, Inc.

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Application/Applicant Requirements

Please read the application/applicant requirements below carefully:

Applicants must:

1. Be a currently enrolled medical student in any of UMDNJ's three medical schools.
2. Complete the application in every detail. An incomplete application will automatically disqualify the applicant.
3. Research and write an essay on the stated topic concerning Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. The essay must be submitted prior to the commencement of the applicant's Fall, 2012 semester of medical school. The work must be the applicant's original work.
4. Not have offered or submitted the essay elsewhere.
5. Agree that the submitted essay becomes the property of the NJCFSA, and that the essay may be used by NJCFSA for advertisement purposes, and/or published in any of the Association's publications.
6. Provide a one-page, Biographical/Personal Statement as part of the application. Include any information that you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider when reviewing your application.
7. Provide the name and address of your local newspaper.
8. Attach an official transcript from the registrar's office of your medical school or arrange to have a transcript sent to Ramona M. Larsen at the Foundation of UMDNJ.
9. Submit the application by the first day of the Fall, 2012 semester to Ramona M. Larsen, Foundation of UMDNJ, 120 Albany Street, Tower II, Suite 850, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

**The New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association Medical Student
Scholarship**

at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

APPLICATION FORM

PART A: APPLICANT INFORMATION

To be completed by applicant (please type).

Name: _____ Sex: M _____ F _____

UMDNJ School: _____ Class of: _____

UMDNJ Academic Standing: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

U. S. Citizen: Y _____ N _____ Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____

Permanent Legal Address: _____
Number Street

City State Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____
(Leave blank if same as permanent address)

Home Phone: _____
Area Code Number

Local Newspaper Name: _____
Name Address

PART B: APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS (please list and include awards/honors):

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PART C: APPLICANT'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (please list volunteer activities or other forms of community service performed beyond high school)

PART D: APPLICANT'S WORK EXPERIENCE (please list work experiences performed beyond high school)

<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates of Employment</u>	<u>Hours Worked</u>
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Part E: STUDENT BIOGRAPHICAL/PERSONAL STATEMENT (Please attach optional photo here)

Write a brief biography emphasizing why you decided to pursue a career in medicine and what are your career goals and aspirations.

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Signature of Applicant

Date _____

Part F: Essay

Write an essay of approximately 4,500 words on the following topic: *Enumerate the various possible causes of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (also referred to as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis). Discuss the evidence for and against these causes.*

- Your essay must not exceed 15 double-spaced pages of 12-point type with 1-inch margins.
- All facts and opinions in your essay must be supported by references that you cite.
- References should be cited within the text of the essay using standard, medical journal format.
- No more than 40 references should be cited.
- A bibliography containing all references cited in the essay should be included at the end of the essay.
- The bibliography should be formatted using standard, medical journal format.
- The document needs to be scholarly and well-referenced. Citing web sites as references is *not* acceptable.
- The essay must not have been offered or submitted elsewhere.
- Essays not conforming to these standards will not be considered.
- A committee will be formed by NJCFSA to review the submitted essays and select the winner. Judging will be on the basis of scholarship, and the demonstration of understanding the difficulties involved in diagnosing and providing compassionate and effective care to CFS patients. If, in the opinion of the judges, no essay meets the rigorous standards as set forth herein, NJCFSA reserves the right not to award the scholarship this year.