



Making a difference in the lives of lupus students across the USA

Dear Friends,

The Lupus Inspiration Foundation for Excellence (L.I.F.E.), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has two primary purposes:

1. to promote awareness of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and
2. to provide supplemental financial and educational assistance to part-time or full-time college students

This is the only charitable organization in the country that awards the L.I.F.E. Scholarships. Awards are given to college students who demonstrate their ability to overcome the limitations of lupus – showing incredible courage, strength, and perseverance.

Lupus is a systemic illness, which may present itself as anything from a chronic fever, joint pain, profound fatigue or skin rashes, to recurring meningitis. Any organ system can be attacked, even the most vital – heart, lungs, and kidneys! **Lupus is more prevalent than AIDS, sickle-cell anemia, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, and cystic fibrosis combined.** Lupus strikes mostly young women during their child bearing years and the highest incidence is found in people of color.

L.I.F.E recognizes the obstacles a college student must face with a life-threatening chronic illness. To help these students, L.I.F.E. awards scholarships every year. Twenty nine scholarships have been awarded since 2001.

The August 2007 winners are:

Britanny Pritchard

UNCA-Asheville

Chelsea West

University of Minnesota

Natasha Toe

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

Anna Szafranski

Saginaw Valley State University

