



# Scholarships Available

## Program Benefits Childhood Cancer Survivors

(NAPSA)—It takes a lot of courage and strength to endure childhood cancer. Now, thanks to a program from The National Children's Cancer Society, childhood cancer survivors can get some help in realizing their dreams.

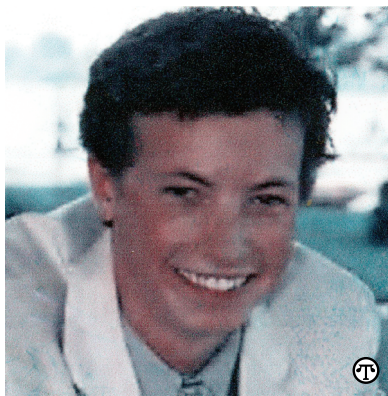
Chase Meacham of Columbus, Ohio, is one of 22 students in the U.S. to be awarded a college scholarship from the Beyond the Cure scholarship program developed by NCCS. Meacham received a \$5,000 scholarship toward tuition at Georgetown University.

The program was developed three years ago and awards scholarships to childhood cancer survivors. The scholarships not only provide survivors with the monetary support needed to continue their education, but help them realize that their dreams are still within reach.

Applicants are asked to write an essay that explains how cancer has affected their life and future goals. Meacham's winning essay conveys that beating cancer not once but twice has taught him how to accept the role of cancer in his life and how to appreciate life even more.

"I am not resentful about this life that I lead because I am still alive to live it," said Meacham. "Cancer is the worst thing I have ever known and is, without a doubt, the best thing that has ever happened to me."

This year, the Beyond the Cure scholarship program awarded 22 scholarships totaling \$75,000. The program provides financial assistance to young adults as they move forward with their lives after cancer. The NCCS's support



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helps empower young survivors to achieve their educational, professional and personal goals.

The National Children's Cancer Society, is a not-for-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life of children diagnosed with cancer and their families worldwide.

It serves as a financial, emotional and educational resource for those in need at every stage of illness and recovery. In the U.S., the NCCS eases the financial burden that accompanies childhood cancer, gives crucial support to parents and children, and addresses the challenges of survivorship.

Globally, the organization distributes lifesaving pharmaceutical drugs and equipment to facilities that treat pediatric cancer patients.

For more information on the scholarship program or to apply online, visit [www.theNCCS.org](http://www.theNCCS.org).