The Eric M. Suhl Scholarship was established in 2019 with funding provided by the Eric M. Suhl Foundation (www.ericmsuhlfoundation.com). The Foundation was formed to honor Eric, who passed away in 2016 at the age of 28. He lived with colitis for many years. This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Eric and is directed to help anyone who lives with colitis, Crohn’s, IBS, or any chronic medical issue.

At least one scholarship for a minimum of $1000 will be awarded in fall 2020 for use during the 2020-21 academic year. If funding is available, additional scholarships and/or scholarships of a larger monetary value will be awarded. Applications are accepted during the spring semester and are awarded in the fall semester.

Qualifications:

Applicants for the Eric M. Suhl Endowed Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must have a documented chronic illness and be registered with the Services for Students with Disabilities office at UT Austin. Preference given to applicants with colitis, Crohn’s, and/or Irritable Bowel Syndrome.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled students at UT Austin.
- Applicants may be any classification, but must be UT students at the time of application (spring semester) and at the time the scholarship is awarded (fall semester).
- Applicants must be in good disciplinary standing at UT Austin where good disciplinary standing means that an applicant is not on disciplinary probation at the time of application or receipt of scholarship.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing at UT Austin where good academic standing means that an applicant has a 2.5 or better GPA at the time of application and receipt of scholarship.
Application Process:

The application process includes your response to several supplemental questions. Please answer the below questions and email the completed document back to this address: ssd@austin.utexas.edu. You also have the option to drop off a hard copy of your responses if you prefer a method other than email. Please feel free to bring the questions to Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD). We are located in the Student Services Building (SSB), Room 4.206.

Application Deadlines:

Applications must be submitted by June 15th by 5:00 pm

Selection Criteria:

A selection committee will evaluate all applications and choose recipient(s) based on the thoroughness of the information presented in the application and demonstrated experiences with chronic illness.
Name:

UTEID:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Classification:

Major:

GPA:

Attach answers to the following questions.

1. In 300-500 words, please give a brief description of your disability and how it impacts your academic endeavors.

2. In 300-500 words, please describe how you would encourage an awareness of disabilities among your peers or within your field of study. What have you done to help promote disability rights and awareness?

3. In 300-500 words, please describe your community and/or leadership involvement. Please focus on one or two experiences that are meaningful to you.

4. In 300-500 words, please comment on what you feel is the most important issue facing people with disabilities. What experiences or ideas do you have for addressing this issue?

Certification:

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give Services for Students with Disabilities permission to verify my academic and disciplinary status.

Applicant Signature ________________________________ Date________