

2025 Tufts Health Plan Justin Grankewicz Memorial Scholarship

Tufts Health Plan is pleased to offer the 2025 scholarship program in honor of our colleague, Justin Grankewicz. Justin was a treasured employee, gifted musician, and passionate artist who tragically passed away in March of 2023. This scholarship program is available to undergraduate students eligible for health insurance covered as a dependent under the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) who are pursuing a degree in the following fields:

- ▶ Allied Health (nursing, physician assistant, physical therapy, occupational therapy, or a clinical management track in health sciences)
- ▶ Public Health
- ▶ Behavioral Health for all concentrations, with special consideration given to those students pursuing a degree in Expressive Therapies (art therapy, expressive arts therapy)

For calendar year 2025, two individual \$2,500 scholarships are available to GIC-eligible undergraduate students currently enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year public or private college or university, who have completed a minimum of one semester of classes. At least one of the student's parents and/or a legal guardian must be enrolled in a GIC health plan.

Scholarships are merit-based. Applications will be evaluated based on the cover letter, the student's college GPA, the essay, and a resume (optional).

Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ Undergraduate students currently enrolled full-time in an accredited two- or four-year public or private college or university
- ▶ Minimum college GPA of 3.0 and at least one semester of college completed by Friday, September 26, 2025
- ▶ The applicant must plan a career in allied health (nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant, or a clinical management track in health sciences), public health, or behavioral health
- ▶ The student's parent or legal guardian must be enrolled in health insurance coverage through the GIC at the time of award; being a Tufts Health Plan member is **not** required

Application Requirements

Please submit the following:

- ▶ Cover letter
- ▶ Application form
- ▶ Essay (see page three of this application)
- ▶ Copy of your most recent college transcript
- ▶ Resume (optional)

All materials **must** be completed and received by Tufts Health Plan by **5 p.m. EST on Friday, November 7, 2025**. Incomplete or late submissions, or submissions received or written by a 3rd party (e.g., parent, guardian, artificial intelligence, etc.) will not be considered.

Award Procedure

- ▶ Scholarship recipients will be notified by Wednesday, November 19, 2025; **notification will only be sent to those applicants to whom an award has been granted.**
- ▶ Checks will be made payable directly to the registrar's office of the student's college or university and mailed on or before Friday, December 26, 2025

Eligibility Exclusions

- ▶ Dependents of Group Insurance Commission employees and dependents of members of the Commission
- ▶ Previous scholarship recipients
- ▶ Undergraduate students who will graduate prior to Friday, October 24, 2025

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Student's Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Permanent Address _____
Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Summer Address _____
(If different from above) Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

College/University and Address _____
Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Current Major _____ Current GPA _____

GIC Member Parent/Guardian Name _____

GIC Member Parent/Guardian's Social Security Number _____

Completed applications should be sent to [GIC Scholarship@point32health.org](mailto:GIC_Scholarship@point32health.org) and are due by 5 P.M. EST on Friday, November 7, 2025.

- Applications **must** be submitted in PDF or Word format. Applications submitted via Google Docs cannot be viewed due to privacy settings
- **Only** those applicants who have been selected for an award will receive a notification
- Scholarship awards cannot be paid directly to the recipient and will be directed, without exception, to the registrar's office of the student's college or university

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Instructions

Please limit your response to no more than five (5) pages double-spaced. Essays exceeding this limit will not be reviewed.

Essay Question:

In light of the 2025 FDA decision to restrict COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to high-risk populations and the concurrent removal of thousands of federal medical research datasets, discuss the implications of how these shifts reflect broader trends in public health policy, data transparency, and scientific integrity. What are the potential long-term consequences for healthcare equity, public trust, and evidence-based medicine?