

## Dr. Martin Mihm, Jr. Scholarship

VBF is an international charitable organization that networks families affected by a vascular birthmark, tumor, or syndrome to the appropriate medical professionals for evaluation and/or treatment, provides informational resources as well as sponsors physician education, mobilizes medical missions trips, and supports research and programs that promote acceptance for individuals with birthmarks. VBF accomplishes its mission through research, education and advocacy on the international, national, state and community levels.

Since its inception in 1994, VBF has successfully networked thousands of children and adults into treatment, sponsored significant research, educated physicians and affected family members about the diagnosis and treatment of vascular birthmarks and has established chapters all over the world. VBF is pleased to announce our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual scholarship program, which supports students with vascular birthmarks and honors Dr. Martin Mihm, Jr. for his outstanding work in the research of Vascular Birthmarks. Preference is given to students who plan to pursue an undergraduate degree in the field of public health, health promotion, disability studies, to include disability policy and disability research.

Funds are limited and we anticipate that scholarships will be competitive. Scholarships will be limited to \$1,000. The VBF Board of Directors Scholarship Committee will evaluate each of the applicants and make a decision. It is the discretion of the Scholarship Committee to determine how many scholarships will be awarded each year.

The VBF board and staff are excited to be able to offer this program and support the efforts and dedication of students who have chosen to pursue higher education in the disability and health fields.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CRITERIA

- Applicant must be enrolled or anticipate enrollment as a **full-time student** in an undergraduate school (freshman or greater status) and have a documented birthmark and provide documentation of their birthmark.
- Applicant must be a US citizen or legal resident living in the US and enrolled in an accredited United States university.
- Preference will be given to students majoring in public health, disability studies, disability research, health promotion or a field related to disability and health.
- Applicant will be required to conduct a Day of Awareness campaign on their college campus to advocate and raise funds for VBF.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must provide a Personal Statement (maximum of 800 words, double spaced), including brief personal history about life with a birthmark, educational/career goals, extra-

curricular activities, and reasons why they should be selected by the VBF Scholarship Committee. This statement must be written solely by the applicant

- Applicant must provide two (2) Letters of Recommendation (One must be from a teacher or academic advisor). Letters may be sent by U. S. mail or by email attachment as pdf and should include the signature of the teacher or advisor, and the name of student should appear in the subject line of the email.
- Applicant must provide an official copy of high school/college transcript, which can be emailed as a PDF with application
- Applicant must agree to allow VBF to use their name, picture and/or story in future scholarship materials.
- Photograph of birthmark must accompany application (one JPEG).

Apply online at [www.birthmark.org/scholarship/](http://www.birthmark.org/scholarship/).

You may also attach your application, supporting materials, etc. and email to: [info@birthmark.org](mailto:info@birthmark.org)

**Scholarship Committee**  
**Vascular Birthmarks Foundation**

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Only completed applications will be considered and must be postmarked and/or received by email by the deadline.