

What Our Award Winners are Saying

"My mother has diabetes and my father has heart disease. I felt that my MS would be another illness to add to the piling medical bills and would affect the quality of education I'd be able to receive. Thankfully, the National MS Society's scholarship has softened the financial burden on my family. It has allowed me to enjoy the benefits of getting a college education, despite my MS."

Ashley Koonce, 2008

"The National MS Society has been a very valuable organization for my mother and my family and I am honored to have been chosen for this award. My plans to attend the Savannah College of Art and Design will be eased by your generous support."

Adam Trevillian, 2008

"Coming from a single-parent family, with that parent on disability due to MS, money has always been tight. The National MS Society scholarship has allowed me to focus on getting my education rather than having to balance work between classes to pay for my education. I truly believe that without the scholarship, I would have been far less successful so far in college."

Eric Tester, 2007

**YOU CAN MAKE
A DREAM COME TRUE**

Complete the attached form
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www.nationalMSSociety.org/greatercarolinas

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports more MS research, offers more services for people with MS, provides more professional education programs and furthers more MS advocacy efforts than any other MS organization in the world.

Multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body and stops people from moving. Every hour in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed with MS, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with more than twice as many women as men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 400,000 people in the U.S. and 2.5 million worldwide.

MS stops people from moving. The National MS Society exists to make sure it doesn't. We help each person address the challenges of living with MS and are dedicated to achieving a world free of MS. The **Greater Carolinas Chapter** serves an estimated 13,500 individuals with MS and their families. We are people who want to do something about MS now.

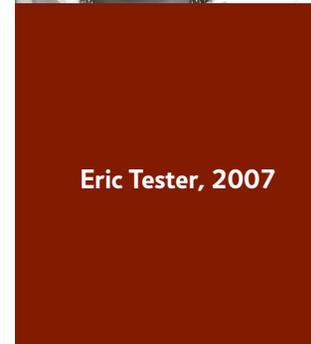
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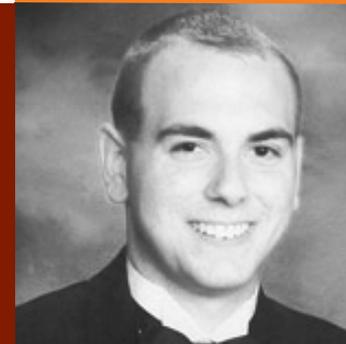
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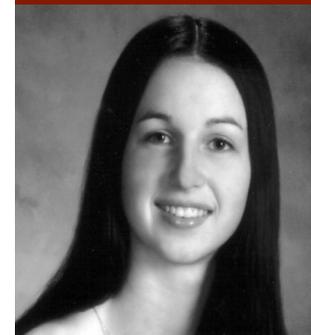
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Kimberly Holloway, 2005



**National
Multiple Sclerosis
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Greater Carolinas
Chapter

Give Wings to Dreams: Scholarship Program

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Yes! I wish to make the following donation:

\$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other: \$ _____

My employer will match charitable gifts. _____

I would like to make my gift in honor/memory (circle one) of: _____

Method of Payment:

My check is enclosed (payable to National MS Society)

Cash enclosed

Please charge my gift: Visa Mastercard AMEX

Account # _____

Expiration date: _____

Signature _____

Since its inception in 2005, the Greater Carolinas Chapter has awarded 15 scholarships totaling \$20,000.

Scholarships for People Affected by MS

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society's scholarship program exists to help highly qualified students who have been diagnosed with MS or who have a parent with MS achieve their dreams of going to college. By also supporting adults living with MS who have not previously pursued a college degree, the Society emphasizes the importance of access to education.

Each year, the Greater Carolinas Chapter funds scholarships to relieve some of the financial burden associated with pursuing higher education. The Chapter's Scholarship Leadership Team works to expand the number and size of scholarship offerings and provide options for renewing scholarship awards.

HEALTHCARE COSTS MAKE SAVING FOR COLLEGE A CHALLENGE

For people living with MS, health-related costs average \$57,500 per year with lifetime costs of more than \$3.7 million. Needless to say, family budgets are pushed to the limit, making saving for college difficult or impossible. There are very few known sources of scholarship assistance specially targeted for those



Alyssa Mazur
Diagnosed 2000

Through this program, the Society recognizes students who have risen above the challenges of living with MS and have used the strength they gained to meet and exceed academic, social, community, and family expectations.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY

Did you know that one common medication for treating the symptoms of MS alone costs more than \$10,000 a year and may need to be taken for life? Additionally, the cost of a college education is on the rise - the average expense of room, board, tuition and fees range from \$8,470-\$22,541 per year, according to the College Board.

Your donation can help a student affected by MS attend college. Rest assured that your contribution will go directly to support the Scholarship Program. For more information, visit www.nationalMSsociety.org/greatercarolinas.

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