



WarriorCon Scholarship

The Warrior/Caregiver scholarship program was created in 2014 to ensure that the Convention remains affordable for Warriors and Caregivers. Each year, the Sickle Cell Consortium team, along with the CBO hosts and planning committees, aggressively fundraises to decrease participants' financial burden. Each year, SC3 gives out scholarships to patients and caregivers; last year, we gave out more than 400 scholarships. With the help of corporate and community sponsors and donors this year, we are eager to try to surpass that number.

The 2026 scholarship portal is managed this year by the Sickle Cell Consortium's staff members. All applications are seriously considered. Similar to previous years at SC3 events, family units of at least three (3) to four (4) individuals are eligible to request a combined pack of tickets to attend at a discounted price. To get the details of purchasing a set of family pack tickets to attend the convention, please email **Ms. Doris Bailey** (Finance@sicklecellconsortium.org) With your request for how many tickets you need, the names, and the ages of each family member.

Each year, the Sickle Cell Consortium team, CBO hosts, and Planning Committee work together to spend considerable time aggressively fundraising. We are **NOT** offering travel; however, additional support in the form of lodging is available. This support type is limited and is provided based on need. **Additional support is available ONLY for individuals living with sickle cell disease and the caregivers/guardians of minors living with sickle cell disease.** If awarded lodging, **all rooms will be booked in doubles.** Adult Warriors will be matched with a same-sex Warrior within their age range.

For more information about the Annual Convention, along with venue site and registration details, please go to <http://sicklecellconvention.org>.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Lodging support will ONLY be provided to Warriors who are registered to attend the Warriors Convention. You may register at sicklecellconvention.org. If you are awarded a lodging scholarship and are no longer able to attend, you are **REQUIRED** to notify the scholarship team **IMMEDIATELY**, but no later than Monday, July 13, 2026. Failure to provide notification will result in being disqualified from future scholarship awards.

FOR NEWLY DIAGNOSED PATIENTS: (*Less than 4 years old*)

This scholarship is designed for up to four (4) members of a family unit containing a newly diagnosed (birth-age 4) sickle cell warrior. If awarded, this scholarship will cover the full cost of lodging + tax for up to two (2) hotel rooms at the Sheraton Gateway Airport Hotel, from July 22 - July 26, 2026. Recipients of this scholarship will also receive an additional discount on the cost of registration for up to four (4) members of the family unit. Please note the Incidental information below:

FOR GOLDEN WARRIOR:

This scholarship is designed for sickle cell warriors who will reach their 60th birthday during the 2026 calendar year and warriors over 60 years of age. When awarded, this scholarship will cover the full cost of lodging + tax for one (1) room at the Sheraton Gateway Airport Hotel, from July 22 - July 26, 2026. Recipients of this scholarship will also receive an additional discount on the cost of registration for themselves and one (1) caregiver. SC3 will also arrange airport pickup for Golden Warriors upon request. Golden Warriors will not be paired with a roommate unless they are bringing a caregiver. The Caregiver must also apply for a scholarship and can room with their Golden Warrior or be matched with a different roommate. Please note the Incidental information below.

ALL OTHER APPLICANTS:

If awarded, this scholarship will cover the full cost of lodging + tax at the Sheraton Gateway Airport Hotel, from July 22 - July 26, 2026. All rooms are booked as a double, except in special cases upon written request. We will match attendees with the same gender and approximate age range. Applicants may provide the name of a chosen roommate. To be matched, that individual must also provide the name of the applicant. (Potential roommates must select each other to be paired together. Both roommates must also apply and be approved for the lodging scholarship.) Please note the Incidental information below.

INCIDENTALS - FOR ALL APPLICANTS

The Sickle Cell Consortium is currently working on a solution for the mandated incidentals at the hotel. However, please note that the hotel MAY require each individual to provide a debit or credit card to be placed on hold for any room service or other hotel charges (except room + tax). The incidental rate for Sheraton Gateway Airport Hotel is \$50/day. The Sickle Cell Consortium understands that this may be difficult for some attendees and is currently working with the hotel to try to remove this requirement for those on our scholarship block.

SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

All Scholarship Recipients are required to attend the 10 AM PST Morning Plenary Session and the 1 PM PST LUNCH & LEARN each day of the Convention, along with at least 50% of all other sessions. You may view the agenda once it is posted at www.sicklecellconvention.org. All participants must make a good-faith effort to attend as many sessions as possible.

Warrior scholarship recipients will be asked to provide an emergency care plan for our records in case they need access to treatment or emergency services while in attendance at the event. You may access a copy of the document at [Emergency Care Plan](#). Although not mandatory, we encourage all warriors to bring a printed copy of this document to the Convention.

Participants are also asked to review the **Community Code of Conduct**. Please review this document by visiting [HERE](#). All scholarship recipients will be asked to e-sign this document at the registration desk upon arrival at the event.

NO-CALL NO-SHOW POLICY

Individuals who apply for and receive a scholarship to attend any SC3 event are expected to honor their commitment to participate in the event for which they were approved.

If an individual is no longer able to attend the event after receiving a scholarship award, they are required to notify SC3 in writing via email as soon as possible. **Notification must be sent directly to the Executive Director, Dr. Lakiea Bailey, at Director@sicklecellconsortium.org, and must include the Director of Administration, Dominique Goodson, at DGoodson@sicklecellconsortium.org in copy (Cc).** Failure to notify SC3 in writing prior to the event will be considered a **"No-Call No-Show."**

Any individual who is deemed a No-Call No-Show for a scholarship-funded SC3 event will become ineligible to receive scholarships for any future SC3 events for a period of two (2) years from the date of the missed event. Or, the applicant will be responsible for reimbursement for one night's stay. This policy is intended to ensure responsible use of scholarship funding and to allow opportunities for other individuals who wish to attend and participate in SC3 events.

For additional information, contact Maria Rivera or Alexis Wardlow at scholarships@sicklecellconsortium.org.