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Blood Assurance Offers Scholarships to High School Seniors

Blood Assurance is now accepting applications for the Crystal Green Memorial Scholarship Program. High school seniors enrolled in schools that host Blood Assurance blood drives through the Project Lifesaver (formerly Project Lifeline) program will be eligible to apply. Students must have a "B" average or better and at least a 20 on the ACT or 1100 on the SAT. More eligibility requirements can be found online at www.BloodAssurance.org. The Crystal Green Memorial Scholarship Program currently provides twelve one-time scholarships of \$1,500 each.

Crystal Green was diagnosed with aplastic anemia, and throughout her life she had to have numerous platelet transfusions. She underwent a bone marrow transplant to help her body fight the anemia. However, in November 1998 Crystal lost her battle, shortly after turning 21 years old. The following year her family established the scholarship in her memory through Blood Assurance.

Since its inception, 166 Crystal Green Memorial Scholarships have been awarded to students throughout Blood Assurance's service area. Scholarships are paid directly to the student's college or university of choice.

Applications are available online at www.BloodAssurance.org. For more information contact Bonnie Phillips at Blood Assurance 800-962-0628 ext. 1134 or BonniePhillips@BloodAssurance.org. Applications may also be available from high school guidance counselors. All applications must be uploaded, postmarked or received by Monday, March 31, 2015 to be considered.

Blood Assurance, headquartered in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is a non-profit regional blood supplier to over 70 health care facilities in a five state region. Every day the area's regional blood center needs at least 440 units of blood from volunteer blood donors to meet the needs of these hospitals.

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Crystal Green holds her dog Zack. Crystal's family and Blood Assurance established a scholarship in her memory in 1999.