



Paul Silver Tribute Award

Background:

The Alport Syndrome Foundation (ASF) is proud to announce the *Paul Silver Tribute Award* in memory of Paul Silver, an Alport syndrome patient. Paul was a film and music editor in Hollywood who passed away in 2004 at the age of 38. In 1985, Paul was a Communications major studying filmmaking at Pennsylvania State University. He needed a camera to document his trip to Tuscany, Italy, where he was planning to attend a summer study program. Paul applied for, and won, the Anthony Maimone Memorial Award and was able to make a documentary film for the University about his experiences in Italy and the benefits of the program.

The purpose of the *Paul Silver Tribute Award* is to 'pay it forward' to help other young people affected by Alport syndrome achieve one of their own goals. The award can be used to complete a project or pursue an activity that will enhance the applicant's life. The award is open to individuals ages 16 to 22 years old. The selection committee has at its discretion \$3,000 to award to one or more worthy applicants.

Applicants will be evaluated on the purpose and potential impact of the award, if the award will allow the applicant to achieve their stated goal, the quality of the essay, recommendations, and completeness of the submittal.

Applicants should take the time to review the guidelines and instructions carefully before completing the enclosed forms. To be considered for this award, all application guidelines must be met in full.

All letters of recommendation must be mailed or emailed with the application, essay, and photograph to:

Alport Syndrome Foundation
P.O. Box 4130
Scottsdale, AZ 85261-4130
Attn: Sharon Lagas
email: slagas@alportsyndrome.org

Completed forms must be received by November 3, 2017. No late applications will be accepted. A Selection Committee will review all submissions, and the recipient will be notified by January 5, 2018.

Good Luck!

Application Guidelines:

Applicants are required to submit an essay answering the following questions:

- How has Alport syndrome impacted your life?
- What are your extracurricular activities, hobbies and/or special interests?
- What is the reason you wish to receive the award?
- How will the award be used?
- How will receipt of the award enhance your life/education?

The essay should be typed, double-spaced and no longer than 3 pages. It should be well-organized and state the applicant's point of view clearly.

***Note:** Should a recipient not be able to use the award for the stated purpose they must contact ASF to discuss the issue, before deciding to use the monies for an alternate purpose.*

The following materials should be submitted with the essay:

- Application form
- A high-resolution digital photograph
- A letter of recommendation on official letterhead from a nephrology professional caring for the applicant who can discuss applicant's strengths, admirable qualities, and personal challenges and verify they have been diagnosed with Alport syndrome.
- A letter of recommendation on official letterhead from a teacher or administrator from applicant's current academic institution who can discuss their strengths, admirable qualities, and challenges they have faced.

Winners must agree to allow ASF to mention their name, give a testimonial and/or photograph in communications surrounding the award (including the website), and be willing to participate, where possible, in promotion of this award.

Within 6 months after receipt of the award, the Winner will be asked to provide a report to ASF describing the impact the award had, which may include:

- How receipt of the award enhanced their life/education?
- How receipt of the award enabled them to develop an interest or meet a goal that enhanced their life/education?

***Note:** Applicants are encouraged to use photos, videos and other supporting materials to demonstrate the impact of the award.*

For information on the previous awardees, please go to www.alportsyndrome.org.



Paul Silver Tribute Award Application Applicant Form

Personal Data:

Name:			
Address:			
City, State, ZIP:			
Phone:			
Age:		E-mail:	

Educational Data:

Current School:			
School Address:			
City, State, Zip			
Grade:			

Signature:

I guarantee the accuracy and truth of this application and agree that the information in this application may be verified. I also agree to the use of my photograph and essay for promotional purposes.			
Applicant's Signature:		Date:	
If applicant is under 18 years of age, please provide parent signature.			
Parent Name:			
Parent Signature:		Date:	

Submit this completed form with the applicant essay, photo, healthcare recommendation and educator recommendation.



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Nephrology Healthcare Professional Recommendation

Applicant Data:

Name:			
Address:			
City, State, ZIP:			
Phone:			

Healthcare Professional Data:

Name of Doctor or Social Worker:			
Address:			
City, State, ZIP:			
Phone:		Fax:	
E-mail:			

Please attach a letter of recommendation on your letterhead verifying that the above applicant is an Alport syndrome patient and discussing the applicant's strengths, admirable qualities, and challenges they have faced.



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Educator/Administrator Recommendation

Applicant Data:

Name:			
Address:			
City, State, ZIP:			
Phone:			

Educator or Administrator Data:

Name of Teacher or Administrator:			
Name of School:			
Address:			
City, State, ZIP:			
Phone:		Fax:	
E-mail:			

Please attach a letter of recommendation on your letterhead discussing the applicant's strengths, admirable qualities, and challenges they have faced.