

**SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**BY SUBMITTING, YOU AGREE TO THESE OFFICIAL RULES, WHICH ARE A CONTRACT, SO READ THEM CAREFULLY BEFORE ENTERING. WITHOUT LIMITATION, THIS CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR INDEMNIFICATION OF SPONSOR (AS DEFINED BELOW) BY YOU, MANDATORY ARBITRATION, A CLASS ACTION AND JURY TRIAL WAIVER, AND A LIMITATION OF YOUR RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.**

1) **COMPETITION PERIOD:** The Ed Ginns Young Researcher Scholarship (the “Competition”) starts October 1st, 2024 and ends November 30, 2024 (the “Competition Period”).

2) **ELIGIBILITY:** TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN, YOU MUST BE (A) A LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE ON THE DATE OF ENTRY, AND (B) CURRENTLY ENROLLED AND IN GOOD STANDING AT AN ACCREDITED 2- OR 4-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA. The following persons are not eligible to participate in the Competition: (a) officers, directors, employees and representatives of Gaucher Community Alliance (the “Sponsor”) or its subsidiaries or affiliated companies; (b) persons engaged in, and persons associated with the development, production, promotion, advertising or running of this Competition (collectively with Sponsor, the “Promotion Parties”); and (c) each of the foregoing persons’ immediate family members (parent, child, sibling, and spouse of each), as well as persons living in the same household (whether related or not).

3) **HOW TO ENTER:** There is no purchase, entry fee, payment or proof-of-purchase necessary to enter or participate in the Competition. To enter, go to the entry website at URL and follow the on-screen instructions to submit your entry:

Your Submission should include the following:

- (a) Statement explaining why applicant should be awarded the grant, limited to 500 words;
- (b) Letter of support from mentor or professor;
- (c) Curriculum Vitae

**NOTE: Winning essays may be posted, in whole or in part, by Sponsor on its websites and/or via Instagram/Facebook.**

Any entry that was created in whole or in part by use of artificial intelligence, generative artificial intelligence, machine intelligence or any other simulation of human intelligence or process through the use of a machine or computer system (“Artificial Intelligence”), or which in any way incorporates Artificial Intelligence, will be void, and the entrant who submitted such an entry may be disqualified at Sponsor’s sole discretion. Automated and/or repetitive electronic submission of entries (including, but not limited to, entries made using any script, macro, bot or Competition service) will be disqualified and transmissions from these or related e-mail or IP addresses may be blocked. Any entries that feature images for which the copyrights are not owned by the entrant or that feature non-Sponsor branding, trademarks, and/or logos may be disqualified at Sponsor’s sole discretion. Any individual who, in the sole discretion of Sponsor, is suspected of submitting more than the allowed number of entries, by any means, including, but not limited to, establishing multiple e-mail accounts, may be disqualified from participation in this Competition. .

4) **JUDGING CRITERIA AND SELECTION OF WINNERS:** All submissions that meet the criteria above will be reviewed to ensure that they comply with these rules. All eligible submissions will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and given a score. The top score will win the scholarship award. In the event the awardee is unable to attend the conference, the second place score will be offered the award.

By entering this Competition, all participants agree that all decisions made by the Sponsor regarding matters relating to the judging and selection of Competition winners are final.

5) **PRIZES:**

The awardee will be selected from all eligible entries and will receive a XXXX (\$XXX) scholarship grant to be used towards their attendance at the 21st Annual WORLD Symposium, February 3-7, 2025.

**PRIZE RESTRICTIONS:** Limit one (1) prize per person, per household. Any and all applicable federal, state, and local taxes and all fees and expenses related to acceptance and use of prize not specifically stated herein, including but not limited to, change of air travel fees, ground transportation, automobile insurance, meals, incidentals, passenger tariffs or duties, surcharges, service charges or facility charges, personal charges at lodging, security fees and/or other expenses, are the responsibility solely of winner. Prize cannot be substituted, assigned, transferred, or redeemed for cash; however, Sponsor reserves the right to make equivalent prize substitutions at its sole discretion. Sponsor will not replace any lost or stolen prizes or components of a prize(s).

SPONSOR SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR OTHER DAMAGES OR EXPENSES RESULTING FROM OR ARISING OUT OF ANY TRAVEL RELATED TO THE PRIZE OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF PRIZE WINNER'S OR GUEST'S ACCEPTANCE OR USE OF THE PRIZE.

6) **WINNER NOTIFICATION AND PRIZE FULFILLMENT:** The potential winners will be notified via e-mail. Any winner who does not respond to notification attempts within five (5) business days will forfeit the prize and an alternate winner may be selected at Sponsor's discretion. Any winner notification returned as undeliverable without a forwarding address will forfeit the prize and an alternate winner may be selected at Sponsor's discretion.

7) **GENERAL:** Except as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion, no substitution of prize is available, nor is any transfer of prize to a third party permitted. Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a similar prize or prize element of comparable or greater value in its sole discretion. All federal, state or other tax liabilities and fees arising from this Competition are the sole responsibility of the prize winner. Prizes are not redeemable for cash.

8) **LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE:** All entrants, as a condition of entry into the Competition, agree to release and hold harmless Sponsor and the Promotional Parties, and each of their respective parents, subsidiaries and affiliated companies, officers, directors, employees and representatives, from and against any and all liability, claims or actions of any kind whatsoever for injuries, damages, or losses to persons, property or otherwise which may be sustained in connection with the Competition, including without limitation, accessing the Competition page, submitting an entry or otherwise participating in any aspect of the Competition, preparing for, participating in, or traveling to and/or from any prize-related activity, or any typographical or other error in these Official Rules or the announcement or offering of any prize. Sponsor and Promotion Parties assume no responsibility or

liability for (a) any incorrect or inaccurate entry information, or for any faulty, failed, garbled or jumbled electronic data transmissions; (b) any unauthorized access to, or theft, destruction or alteration of entries at any point in the operation of this Competition; (c) any technical malfunction, failure, error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or communications line failure, regardless of cause, with regard to any equipment, systems, networks, lines, satellites, servers, computers or providers utilized in any aspect of the operation of the Competition or the fulfillment of any Prize; (d) inaccessibility or unavailability of the Internet or any combination thereof; (e) any injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer which may be related to or resulting from any attempt to participate in the Competition, download any materials in the Competition, or receive, use, or access any Prize; (f) any injuries, losses or damages of any kind caused by a Prize or resulting from acceptance, possession or use or misuse of, or participation in any part of, a Prize, or from participation in the Competition; or (g) any printing, typographical or technical errors in any materials associated with the Competition. If, for any reason, the Competition cannot be run as planned for reasons which may include without limitation, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which may corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this Competition, then Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Competition in whole or in part. The winner shall bear all risk of loss or damage to his or her prize after it has been delivered. Except to the extent otherwise required by law, Sponsor makes no representations or warranties of any kind whatsoever concerning any prize.

9) **Publicity Release.** Except where prohibited by law, participation in the Competition constitutes Winner's permission and grant to Sponsor (which grant will be confirmed in writing on request of Sponsor) and its designees the right and permission to print, publish, broadcast and use, worldwide in any media now known or hereafter developed including without limitation online at [www.gauchercommunity.org](http://www.gauchercommunity.org) or via Instagram, Facebook and X), including, but not limited to, the world wide web, at any time or times, the Winner's entry, name, portrait, picture, voice, likeness, opinions and biographical information (including, but not limited to, hometown and state or territory), prize information, quotes attributable to Winner, and any other elements of entrant's persona for advertising, trade and promotional purposes (including the announcement of his or her name on television or radio broadcast) without additional consideration, compensation, permission or notification, including in a list to be used by sponsor and its designees and its partners to re-target entrants via email or any sponsor app, unless prohibited by law.