



## **The UCB Crohn's Scholarship Program: Reaching Beyond Boundaries** *Program Backgrounder*

### **About the UCB Crohn's Scholarship Program**

UCB, a global biopharmaceutical company committed to developing innovative treatments for inflammatory diseases such as Crohn's disease, is dedicated to creating unique programs and tools to aid patients in reaching beyond the boundaries of their disease and fulfilling their educational ambitions.

In alignment with these commitments, UCB created and sponsors the Crohn's Scholarship Program: Reaching Beyond Boundaries. It is one of the largest pharmaceutical-funded scholarships currently available. In the four years since the program's inception, UCB has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships of up to \$10,000 each to a total of 105 people diagnosed with Crohn's disease who are entering college, are currently enrolled in college, or are adults returning to school. Students of all ages are welcome to apply, and the scholarship can be used for a two-year, four-year, trade or specialty school.

The applications for the 2010 Scholarship Program will be available on October 21, 2009 and can be accessed on [www.CrohnsAndMe.com](http://www.CrohnsAndMe.com). The deadlines for all applications are February 12, 2010.

### **Eligibility for the Scholarship**

The program is designed for applicants of any age. Applicants must be a legal and permanent resident of the United States; diagnosed with Crohn's disease by a physician; seeking an associate's, undergraduate, or graduate degree or enrolled in a trade school educational program; enrolled in or awaiting acceptance from a United States-based institution of higher education for fall semester of the application year; and a student who demonstrates academic ambition and embraces a way of life that overcomes the boundaries of living with Crohn's disease.

### **Application Requirements**

Along with a completed application and official academic transcript, applicants are required to submit a one-page essay about how they reach beyond the boundaries of Crohn's disease to demonstrate academic ambition and personal achievement, and how they would benefit from the scholarship. In addition, applicants must submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation and include proof of their Crohn's disease diagnosis from their treating physician. Employees of UCB and their immediate family, and previous winners of the scholarship are not eligible for the scholarship program.

### **The Selection of Recipients and Determination of the Scholarship Amount**

Selection of recipients will be at the sole discretion of the judges chosen by UCB, which include a panel of medical professionals from across the country. After a winner's educational enrollment has been verified, the scholarship check will be made payable to and directly mailed to the educational institution. Scholarship amounts will be up to \$10,000 to cover the recipient's tuition and/or educational materials expenses. However, if a student does not have a minimum of \$10,000 in educational expenses owed for his/her schooling, the scholarship amount will only cover the remaining amount. If upon contacting an applicant UCB learns he/she does not have any remaining costs owed to the academic institution, he/she will no longer be eligible for the scholarship.