

## ORTHO DERMATOLOGICS SUPPORTS STUDENTS TREATED FOR DERMATOLOGIC CONDITIONS THROUGH ASPIRE HIGHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Submission Period for Applications Open through April 28, 2018

**RALEIGH, N.C., Feb. 13, 2018** – Ortho Dermatologics today announced it will begin accepting applications for the 2018 Aspire Higher scholarship program for students who have been affected by dermatologic conditions. Through the program, nine students will receive a scholarship of \$10,000.

“Pursuing higher education is an extraordinary milestone in people’s lives and at Ortho Dermatologics, we understand that the journey for those living with a dermatologic condition can come with additional personal challenges,” said Bill Humphries, executive vice president and group company chairman, Ortho Dermatologics. “For that reason, we are proud to continue the Aspire Higher scholarship program and honor outstanding students who have managed the difficulties of living with a skin condition while focusing on achieving their educational goals.”

An Aspire Higher scholarship is available for applicants or current attendees of a two- or four-year college, university or advanced (post-high school) vocational or technical school who have been treated for a dermatologic condition. Scholarships will be awarded to a range of students, with three scholarships available in each of the following categories:

- **Undergraduate Scholar Awards** for those pursuing undergraduate degrees
- **Graduate Scholar Awards** for those pursuing graduate degrees
- **Today’s Woman Scholar Awards** for mothers pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees

To apply, students will submit an essay describing the impact that a dermatologic condition has had on their life, as well as the role that a dermatologist, physician assistant or nurse practitioner played in helping treat the condition. An independent panel of dermatologists will review the applications and select nine winners.

“When I found the Aspire Higher scholarship, I thought it was really cool that something good could come out of having bad acne, so I applied,” said Kelsey Pulera, a previous Aspire Higher honoree. “As a result of the scholarship, I’ve been able to get involved in student organizations and take on internships that I wouldn’t have been able to do had I been worried about paying for school.”

The submission period for applications is open through April 28, 2018, and honorees will be announced on July 13, 2018. To learn more about the scholarship, including eligibility criteria, terms and conditions, and see stories from previous winners, please visit [AspireHigherScholarships.com](http://AspireHigherScholarships.com).

### **About Aspire Higher and Other Philanthropic Initiatives**

Since 2013, the Aspire Higher scholarship program has awarded 23 scholarships, which gave students a total of \$230,000 toward their higher education on campuses nationwide. In addition to Aspire Higher, Ortho Dermatologics is making a difference through the Passion to Heal initiative, which offers advanced

diagnosis and treatment of skin and eye conditions in rural Kenya and India through medical volunteer trips. Ortho Dermatologics also matches donations to help children with chronic skin conditions enjoy a week of fun and adventure at the American Academy of Dermatology's Camp Discovery. The Aspire Higher Scholarship program was funded through the Bausch Foundation, which was established in 2017 to improve the lives of patients globally by providing access to safe, effective medicines and by financially supporting health care education and causes around the world.

### **About Ortho Dermatologics**

Ortho Dermatologics, a Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. company, is one of the largest prescription dermatology businesses in the world dedicated to helping patients in the treatment of a range of therapeutic areas including actinic keratosis, acne, atopic dermatitis, cold sores, athlete's foot, nail fungus and other dermatoses. The Ortho Dermatologics portfolio includes several leading acne, antifungal and anti-infective products. More information can be found at [www.ortho-dermatologics.com](http://www.ortho-dermatologics.com).

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