### About
Rhio O’Connor was diagnosed with a deadly cancer (mesothelioma) and given a year to live. Instead of giving up he found his own path to health and outlived his prognosis by more than six years.

### Eligibility
To receive a scholarship application which will include the rules and deadlines please send an email to: aelliott@cancermonthly.com. Please put the word “Scholarship” in the subject line.

### How To Enter
Please address some or all of the following questions:

- Should cancer patients and doctors be able to use whatever treatments they like in treating cancer? Why?
- What are some examples of “alternative therapies” and why do cancer patients use them when they are not FDA approved?
- Should medicinal medicine and folk medicine have any relevancy in cancer?
- It is estimated that it costs over $400 million to bring a new cancer drug to market. Does that establish roadblocks for the testing and approval of alternative therapies?
- What changes or improvements should be made in our healthcare system and the way we treat cancer in this country so that cancer is no longer the leading cause of death in Americans under age 85?

**Essay Length:**

The essay must be no fewer than 700 and no more than 1,500 words in length.

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