



Hannah Ostrea Memorial College Scholarship *For siblings affected by childhood rare disease*

ESSAY CONTEST



The Hannah Ostrea Memorial College Scholarship was created to honor the memory of Little Miss Hannah Ostrea, who lost her battle with an ultra-rare genetic disorder, Gaucher Disease type 2/3, at the age of 3. She lived for only three short years, yet her beautiful smile, intoxicating charm, and her courageous fighting spirit forever captured the hearts of everyone who had the opportunity to get to know her. Even though she was never able to speak a word, her expressions, her laughs, and her eyes could speak volumes.

Each year, the Little Miss Hannah Foundation chooses 2 students to receive \$1,000 each, based on scholastic achievement and community service.

Eligibility:

- Sibling of patient diagnosed with a medically complex rare disease (living or deceased). Age at time of diagnosis for the child must be 17 years or less.
- Rare disease must be listed on www.LittleMissHannah.org/rarediseaselist or undiagnosed (Significant cerebral palsy and epilepsy/seizures are considered 'undiagnosed')
- Applicant must reside in or have graduated from high-school in Clark, Lincoln, or Nye county
- Be enrolled or have acceptance for an accredited two- or four-year college degree program.
- U.S. citizen or a permanent legal resident
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher

Please choose two of the questions and write an essay of 400-750 words on each.:

- Witnessing your sibling and your family living with a rare disease can be difficult. Describe the challenges you've faced in supporting or caring for your sibling, and how you dealt with these challenges.

- How do you think our Southern Nevada community can better support families of children diagnosed with rare diseases? This should include the public, healthcare, and support services.

- Please share your experiences creating awareness and/or raising funds for understanding, research, and treatment for your sibling's rare disease.



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Deadline: November 15, 2017

Return by email, fax, or mail to: eligibility@littlemisshannah.org ~ Fax: 702-541-9957

Address: LMHF, 10624 S. Eastern Ave, #A847, Henderson, NV 89052

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Birthdate: ___ / ___ / ___

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Address/City/Zip: _____

Permanent Address/City/Zip: _____

Rare Sibling Information

Name: _____ Birthdate: ___ / ___ / ___

Caregiver/Parent Name: _____ Email: _____

Current Address/City/Zip: _____

Primary Diagnosis: _____ Phone: _____

Living Deceased (if deceased, age ____, year passed away ____) Age at time of diagnosis? _____

Is parent/caregiver aware that you are applying for this scholarship? Yes No

Financial Information

How would the \$1000 scholarship be allocated?

Tuition: _____

Books: _____

Housing: _____



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Education Information

If currently in High School:

Name of School: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____

College / University where presently enrolled or planning to attend

Name of School: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Course of Study: _____ GPA: _____

Anticipated Career: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Extracurricular Activities

Share your volunteer and community service activities:
(including length of service, types of projects, and your role)

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____



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Acknowledgement

Which two topics are you writing about? (Each essay should be 400 – 750 words, typed)

- _____ Challenges living with a sibling diagnosed with a rare disease
- _____ Southern Nevada community supporting children with rare diseases
- _____ Experience creating awareness or raising money for research

Scholarship Deadlines:

- July 25, 2017 – Scholarship opens for applications
- November 15, 2017 – Scholarship closes
- December 15, 2017 – Finalists notified
- January 15, 2018 – Finalists must have all requirements submitted
- February 4, 2018 – Winners notified
- February 18, 2018 – Winners awarded at Vegas Cares About Rare Kids 5K event (Las Vegas)

IF YOU ARE CHOSEN AS A FINALIST:

Up to 5 finalists will be chosen. If selected as a finalist, you will be **REQUIRED** to submit the following before the January 15th deadline (incomplete finalist applications will be disqualified):

- Certified high school / college institution transcript
- 2 letters of recommendations from teachers, counselors, or community leaders
- If a high school senior: Letter of acceptance to a 2- or 4-year accredited institution in the U.S.
- Letter from a healthcare specialist (physician, nurse, social worker) confirming rare disease diagnosis dated after 7/25/2017 or copy of death certificate

Applicant agrees to the use of his/her name, likeness, personal essays and information contained in this application for educational, advertising and promotion purposes for the Hannah Ostrea Memorial College Scholarship and the Little Miss Hannah Foundation without further compensation or notification.

The information on this form and contained in the application package is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Printed Name

Date

Signature