

Michele L. and Steven W. Balls Foundation Scholarship 2019

In memory of Michele L. Balls

Presented By:
Mr. and Mrs. Balls

Mr. and Mrs. Balls brought a very special young woman into the world on August 7, 1969. Michele was born with dwarfism and struggled to maintain a normal lifestyle. Her passion for life and determination to succeed never failed her as she dealt with a very life-threatening disease. Michele was ready to begin her junior year at North Carroll in 1988 when she passed. Michele was a very bright, vivacious young lady who lived every day to the absolute fullest without any hesitation or lack of determination. At the young age of only 18, she was a very talented girl who loved to express her thoughts and love for life through both drawing and painting. In addition, she was an imaginative and creative writer, developing detailed stories that amazed her teachers. Her passion shined not only visually but also emotionally, as she lived each day to brighten someone else's life. With her physical appearance not like the others, she overlooked her differences and pressed forward with an attitude more positive than one can imagine. Mr. and Mrs. Balls would like to present a \$2,500 scholarship to a graduating senior student of Manchester Valley High School who exemplifies the qualities and passions similar to those of Michele.

Eligibility:

The Balls foundation would like to present a one-time \$2,500 scholarship this year. Graduating seniors of Manchester Valley High School are eligible to apply. Award money must be used to further the student's education. This awarded will be awarded to a first-time, full-time or part-time freshman student in order to further their education and skill development by pursuing a degree, associate or bachelor, in fine arts (painting, cartooning, game development, drawing, sculpting), art education, art history, applied design, and writing, creative or journalistic.

Recipient Qualifications:

- This award will be given to students who show their creative passion for art, writing, and life.
- The recipient must show evidence of strong artistic or writing accomplishments through a visual portfolio of their own work presented as either a slideshow or PowerPoint presentation on a CD.
- The recipient must show evidence of their work by submitting a written statement describing their passion for the fine arts or their creativity in writing. In addition, the student **must describe why he/she deserves this scholarship.**

Materials Required for Application:

- Completed application form.
- A copy of an official high school transcript.
- A minimum of 500 word hard copy, typed, describing his/her work, passion, and a description of **why he/she deserves this scholarship.**
- One teacher letter of recommendation in hard copy.
- A CD portfolio of 5 works in either a slideshow or PowerPoint presentation of their own work.

Please postmark the above requirements by **April 1** of the current school year to:

**Community Foundation of Carroll County
255 Clifton Blvd., Suite 313
Westminster, MD. 21157**

PLEASE INCLUDE ALL ATTACHMENTS FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.

Selection & Awarding Process:

- The Balls Foundation committee will identify candidates based on the recipient's qualifications and application materials stated above.
- The winner will then be announced at the Manchester Valley High School awards ceremony on May 31, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Rules & Eligibility for Scholarship:

- Graduating senior of Manchester Valley High School
- Student must be enrolled full time (12+ hours per semester) or ³/₄ - time (9-11 hours per semester).
- Student must enroll as a traditional freshman with no previous enrollments to any other higher learning institutions.
- Student must be a declared fine arts, applied design, art education, art history, game development, or journalism major at time of enrollment.
- Student must remain in good academic standing, minimum of a 2.0 average, with the learning institution, registered as full- or ³/₄ time student for the duration of the award period.
- Student must successfully complete all course work.

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Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Name and location of college or university where you plan to attend:

Planned course of study: _____

Have you been accepted? _____

Please list any extra-curricular activities that you have participated in during the last four years. This may include athletics, church groups, volunteer work, other school or community organizations, special interests, hobbies, etc., especially if related to our foundation.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please also include:

- A copy of an official high school transcript.
- A CD portfolio of 5 works of his/her own craft, artistic or journalistic, in either a slideshow or PowerPoint presentation.
- A minimum of a 500 word typed statement describing his/her work and passion and **reason for deserving the scholarship.**
- One teacher's letter of recommendation in a hard copy.

Our best wishes for success in your chosen field of endeavor, and may you go forward and pursue your dreams!

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