



2017 Scholarship Application and Information

The Stephanie Joseph Memorial Fund

In loving memory of Stephanie Terese Joseph (1986-2008)

Stephanie Joseph was a talented dedicated and charming young figure skater who fought valiantly to overcome cancer while continuing to manage school studies and skating. She always kept a smile on her face and never let her overwhelming challenges get her down. Her cancer was diagnosed at age 8. Soft-tissue sarcoma, a rare form of cancer, was the diagnosis and treated with surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. Despite suffering severe burns from the treatment and dealing with leg swelling she returned to the lifestyle of a competitive skater. She went on to travel, successfully compete, and test USFS skating levels. She mastered many triple jumps, and showed grace and elegance on the ice. Many friends and family were in awe of her accomplishments. In addition to skating, she pursued and showed dedication to other areas of interest such as dance, track and field, and cross-country. After graduation from high school she attended the University of Missouri and continued utilizing her creative abilities with a major in journalism with a specialization in advertising. She had a natural ability to write. Her parents were always amazed by her creative endeavors both on and off the ice. Stephanie's cancer returned while she was in college. She refused to let her disease interfere with her strong work ethic and her desire to live life to the fullest. She remained a full-time college student while undergoing numerous medical therapies and treatments. Stephanie loved life. Stephanie's spirit will live on forever.

Mission Statement:

This scholarship fund has been developed in loving memory of Stephanie Joseph, who was an inspiration to many and will remain in our hearts forever. The recipient of this scholarship will be awarded funds to pursue academic ambitions with the courage, passion, valor, and strength that Stephanie showed while faced with overwhelming adversity. The individual must possess the strong desire to attend college and continue academic pursuits in the face of hardship and adversity. The hardship may be on a personal level or within their immediate family.

Scholarship Recipient Criteria:

- Personality traits similar to Stephanie: strong work ethic, dedication to school work and sports, always cordial and polite to others, puts others ahead of self, and desire for completion and success.
- High school Senior student (male or female) with minimum 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale) and proven plans to attend four-year college.
- Completion of the application form by May 1, 2017
- Completion of short essay incorporating the following: stating what adversities or hardships the applicant has encountered and what the applicant has done to transcend the hardship. Also, how he/she would be enlightened by Stephanie's spirit. Give one example of a time when you put others before yourself.
- Include at least one letter of recommendation.

General Information

- Two scholarships will be awarded for \$2,500.00 each.
- The scholarship recipients will be selected after applications are reviewed by the SJMF board members. Recipient selection will be based on how well the applicant meets the specified criteria.
- If several applicants meet the specified criteria, the board members may require the applicants to interview with them in order to determine recipient selection. Final selection will be awarded to the candidates demonstrating the most similarities to Stephanie's work ethic and conduct.
- Awarded monies must be used for college tuition purposes or college incidentals.
- The scholarships will be awarded to the recipient by the SJMF board members at the dinner to be held on June 21, 2017. Completed applications (essay must be included prior to review) should be postmarked no later than May 1, 2017 and mailed to:

The Stephanie Joseph Memorial Fund
ATTN: Scholarships
3 S 555 Winfield Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

- Awarded candidates will be notified by no later than June 9, 2017 and presented with monies as deemed by the SJMF board.
- All submitted applications are kept in strict confidence and reviewed solely by the SJMF board.
- The recipients may be asked to attend a fund raising event in Stephanie's honor to facilitate donations to the Stephanie Joseph Memorial Fund.
- The scholarship is intended to commemorate and honor the memory of Stephanie Terese Joseph.
- Family members of the SJMF board are not eligible to apply.



THE
STEPHANIE JOSEPH
MEMORIAL FUND

2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Address: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Phone Numbers: _____

Name of School Currently Attending: _____

Current Grade in School: _____ Current GPA: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Name of Principal: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

School activities you are currently involved in *(Please include the number of hours per month dedicated to each activity):*

Volunteer activities and hours spent per month: _____

Name of College You're Attending: _____

Have you already been officially accepted? _____

Intended Start Date: _____ Credit Hours Applied for in Your First Semester: _____

Major: _____

Do you have plans to continue any of your extracurricular activities while in college? _____

If not, what other areas of interest will you pursue while in college? _____

What has been your greatest achievement during high school? _____

Which area of extracurricular interest do you find most enriching and why? _____

Were you employed during high school? If so, what did you do and how many hours per month were dedicated to your job? What did you learn from this experience? _____

**Please attach a typed response, in essay format, addressing the following items.
Please limit combined responses to 1,000 words or less.**

Part 1 - State what adversities or hardships you have encountered and what you have done to transcend the hardship. Include how Stephanie's spirit would enlighten you.

Part 2 - Give one example of a time when you put others before yourself.

Part 3 - *(optional)* You may submit any additional information about yourself that you would like the SJMF Board to know.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Guidance Counselor/Principal's Signature: _____

Date of Application Submission: _____

Please attach the essay(s) to your application and mail the completed application to:

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Applications postmarked after May 1, 2017 will not be reviewed.

All applications become property of the Stephanie Joseph Memorial Fund and will not be returned. Please retain copies for your own record keeping. All applications are kept confidential and only reviewed by the Stephanie Joseph Memorial Fund Board of Directors. A board member may contact you by phone or email if any part of your application needs further clarification.

Selected candidates may be interviewed by the Stephanie Joseph Memorial Fund Board of Directors and may be asked to attend a Scholarship Awards dinner at a date later determined.

Please check our website, www.stephaniejoseph.com, for scholarship updates.

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