

THE SUSANNA DELAURENTIS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS -- CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Criteria: The Susanna DeLaurentis Memorial Scholarships are awarded each year to college-bound high school seniors with superior academic and extracurricular achievements who contend with a chronic disease or other serious challenge to physical or mental health. Honorees are selected by a committee of the board of directors of the Foundation, and are announced in May, allowing time for presentation at awards ceremonies if appropriate.

Award: The scholarship is a \$1,000 award, paid directly to the honoree's institution of higher learning.

Application: Applications must be received by **FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012**. Awards will be announced during the first week of May. An application form accompanies this notice. Applicants must submit a brief statement of their health condition, how they have managed to excel notwithstanding the condition, and their plans for advanced education after high school. As much information as possible about the applicant's academic standing and achievements -- including GPA, standardized test scores, and class standing -- and about the applicant's participation in extracurricular or community activities should be submitted with the applicant's statement, along with at least one letter of recommendation from a member of the faculty or administration familiar with the applicant and his or her condition. Submissions should be mailed to SDCF, Box 11208, Elkins Park, PA 19027. Applicants should include full contact information, including address, phone number(s), and email address. An application form accompanies this notice, but applicants are encouraged to use whatever format they find most helpful.

The Scholarship Program: The Susanna DeLaurentis Memorial Scholarships are awarded in memory of Susanna DeLaurentis, who died of cancer at age 10 after spending half her life in cutting-edge experimental treatments. Though she missed one entire academic year and large chunks of her other three school years, she kept pace with her classmates by working diligently with tutors while recovering from her treatments. Her spunk, generosity, selfless compassion for the needs of others notwithstanding her own dire condition, and her constant good cheer inspired her former teachers to establish a research and scholarship fund in honor of her courage, compassion, and commitment to learning. Scholarships are awarded to candidates who best exemplify Susanna's ironclad determination and quiet, upbeat fortitude in the face of extraordinary challenges.

Guidelines: This award is meant to call attention to high academic achievement and extracurricular and community involvement through persistence, courage, and determination while coping with a life-threatening or chronic physical or mental condition, including ongoing testing and recovery from treatments. The severity and length of history of a condition are factors entering into the evaluation of a candidate's academic and extracurricular accomplishments. Because of the nature of their impediments, some candidates compile resumes of the highest caliber, applying any standard. Others, however, may have conditions that impair cognitive function or entail long absences and necessarily impact academic and extracurricular performance. Evaluations of candidates in this category are helped tremendously by detailed personal statements of the candidates and insightful recommendations of teachers and support staff. The selection committee makes every effort to weigh accomplishments against impediments in reaching its decisions.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity. The official registration and financial information of the Susanna DeLaurentis Charitable Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling 1(800)732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.
www.thesusannafoundation.org

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Application Form for Susanna DeLaurentis Memorial Scholarships – 2012

Please submit the following information – and any other information you think would be helpful – on this form or in a format of your choosing. Include as many additional pages as you see fit. Please include as much of the following as possible: transcript, GPA, standardized test scores, class rank, academic awards, college or other prizes or scholarships, high school awards, extracurricular and community activities, college acceptances, and your intended undergraduate institution. Include a statement of your health condition(s), how you have managed to excel notwithstanding the condition(s), your plans for advanced education after high school and beyond, and at least one letter of recommendation from a member of your school faculty or administration. You are encouraged to submit any additional material you think would support your candidacy. Please see the accompanying Call for Nominations for additional information about the Foundation and the scholarships. PLEASE DO *NOT* STAPLE ANY PAGES TOGETHER. Email contact information is important – yours and your references, since we frequently request additional information.

Please complete your submission by FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012. Honorees are expected to be notified during the first full week of May.

Name: _____

School: _____

Home Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please return this form and all accompanying materials to

SDCF
PO Box 11208
Elkins Park, PA 19027.

You may also submit some or all material by email to info@thesusannafoundation.org or by fax to the number below. Submit material as it becomes available – you do not need to submit all material in a single packet.

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