

NJ Sharing Network *Foundation*

Scholarship Application for 2021-2022

Our Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of multiple scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year, made possible by the Betsy Niles Scholarship Fund, the Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund, and the Hearts for Emma Partner Fund.



Betsy Niles Scholarship Fund

The Betsy Niles Scholarship is offered in memory of Betsy Niles, a children's book editor and lifelong resident of Montclair. Betsy died in 2011 and, in keeping with her tradition of lifelong giving, her organs were donated. Betsy was known for always giving the perfect gift for every occasion. Her last gift was the greatest gift of all, the gift of life.



Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund

The Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund was created in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Missy Rodriguez's liver transplant. The program directly supports scholarships to high school students.



Hearts for Emma Partner Fund

The Hearts for Emma Partner Fund was created to directly support The Hero Act through the production and distribution of educational materials and related programs teaching the importance of organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

About the Scholarships

Scholarship awardees must be an organ and tissue donation awareness advocate or personally affected by, or a family member of, someone personally affected by organ and tissue donation and transplantation (*i.e.: organ and/or tissue donor, living donor, transplant recipient, waiting for a transplant, or died waiting for a transplant*). *Donation education and advocacy are the major factors in determining the scholarship award.*

Through their partnership with our foundation, the Missy's Miracle Fund, Betsy Niles Fund and Hearts for Emma Fund are committed to increasing the number of lives saved through innovative transplant research, donor family support, education and public awareness about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Scholarships are awarded to honor those who gave, pay tribute to those who received, offer hope to those who continue to wait, and remember the lives lost while waiting... for the gift of life.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Student must be a New Jersey resident
- Student must be a **full time high school senior**, who will be entering college in Fall 2021
- Student must be an organ and tissue donation awareness advocate or personally affected by, or a family member of, someone personally affected by organ and tissue donation and transplantation (*i.e.: organ and/or tissue donor, living donor, transplant recipient, waiting for a transplant, or died waiting for a transplant*).
- Student must be in **good academic standing**
- Employees of NJSN or the NJSN Foundation, their spouse and/or children **are not eligible** for scholarship consideration.
- Board Members of NJSN and the NJSN Foundation, their spouse and/or children **are not eligible** for scholarship consideration.

Application Submission Checklist:

Three letters of Recommendation

We ask that your involvement in organ and tissue donation education and advocacy activities be highlighted; a letter from a supervisor or program manager would be helpful.

**NJ Sharing Network or Foundation personnel are not eligible to write letters of recommendation.*

Current Transcript

Essay about organ and/or tissue donation

How organ and tissue donation has impacted your life, knowledge of organ and tissue donation, active participation in awareness events, etc.

***Hint:** Organ and tissue donation awareness involves educating the general public about the importance of donation. You should elaborate on your activities, whether in person or virtual, to promote organ, tissue and cornea donation as donation education and advocacy are the major factors in determining the scholarship award.*

Submission

After completing this application, please submit requested application requirements and documents to: **NJ Sharing Network Foundation, Attn: Alida M. Sandoval, 691 Central Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974** or scholarship@njsharingnetwork.org.

Complete application must be received by March 29th at NOON.

Please Note:

- All the above application requirements must be met in full.
- All required documents must be submitted in one single packet via regular mail or in one e-mail.
- Applications which do not meet these requirements will be considered incomplete and applicants will be ineligible.

2021 –2022 NJ SHARING NETWORK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application available for download at www.njsharingnetwork.org/scholarship
Please complete the electronic PDF and submit with supporting documents.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Cell Home Other

Email Address: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/___

Local Newspaper: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

CONNECTION TO ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION: (Check all that are applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Transplant Recipient | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member of a Transplant Recipient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Waiting | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member of a Patient Waiting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living Donor | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member of a Living Donor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donor Family Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

EDUCATION:

Name of High School: _____ Dates Attended: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Current GPA: _____

School Guidance Counselor: _____ Phone: _____

Please list the college/university you plan to attend and/or colleges/universities to which you have been accepted:

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Name of Employer: _____ From: _____ To: _____

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Organ donor and tissue donation education and advocacy activities:

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Mother/Guardian

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Father/Guardian

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

***Funding Requirements:**

The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college/university in two installments (Fall/Spring semesters). ***Payment of the second half of the award will be contingent upon submission of a brief report (1 typed page) describing your recent achievements and activities, whether in person or virtual, involving organ and tissue donation education and advocacy, which will be due in December.*** A school transcript will be required at that time. A minimum of a C average, or its equivalent, will be required for payment of the second half of the award.

I hereby authorize and give consent to be contacted by NJ Sharing Network or any of its partners regarding my own personal story, as well as to be photographed and my story shared in the media.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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691 Central Avenue
New Providence, NJ 07974
scholarship@njsharingnetwork.org

**** Please keep a copy of completed application for your records.***

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Notification to Successful Applicant – April 2021

Scholarship Awardees will be requested to attend a private reception over the summer.

The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.

Payments to the college or university will be made in two installments (Fall/Spring semesters). Checks will be made payable directly to the institution you attend. Please notify the NJ Sharing Network *Foundation* immediately if there is a change in your academic status.

****Send questions to: scholarship@njsharingnetwork.org****

DEADLINE – completed application must be received by March 29, 2021 by noon

**This is a firm deadline and will not be extended.*