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***What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters...
compared to what lies within us.***
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

What may seem like simple words spoken long ago by the worldly Ralph Waldo Emerson have never more accurately described a person as they do Katie Higgins. Everyone has a choice to take a challenging situation and not let it define you. Like most children with a cleft lip and palate, Katie had to undergo several corrective surgeries but this never prevented Katie from seizing opportunities presented to her. Even at a young age Katie could be found engaging in many activities such as riding horses, water skiing and tubing, and playing barefoot in the yard with her two sisters.

In high school, Katie challenged herself academically by taking Advanced Placement courses in History, Government and Calculus to prepare herself for the rigors of a collegiate workload. Despite the heavy coursework, Katie found a way to give back to her school community and peers around her. She participated in the Spanish club for two years, Family Career Community Leaders of America for three years, the Model General Assembly in her senior year and Fellowship of Christian Athletes in her senior year.

In 2005, Katie became the first recipient of the Virginia Smiles College Scholarship. She participated in the Blue Ridge Community College transfer program to later attend James Madison University, earning a Bachelors Degree in Social Work.

Katie's altruistic spirit was evident in all that she did. It was apparent in the love and support she provided her family and friends. It was seen in the way she worked with her patients and colleagues at Western State Hospital.

Katie passed away in 2013. In her memory, the Virginia Smiles Scholarship has been renamed the Katie Higgins Memorial Scholarship.



Katie Higgins Memorial Scholarship will award a \$2,000 Scholarship.

- The student must be a resident of Virginia and born with a cleft;
- The student must be registered to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution;
- The student must submit a completed application form. To print the application form, [CLICK HERE](#).
- The student must submit a 500 word essay explaining why he/she deserves to be awarded the scholarship.
- The winner will be contacted and the scholarship will be sent to the Guidance Councilor to be presented to the recipient.

Deadline for submission is March 31, 2020



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Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: March 31st, 2020

First, Middle and Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (s): _____

Email Address: _____

Birth Date: _____

Name of High School Currently Attending: _____

Current GPA: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Phone Number of Current School: _____

Name of School Counselor: _____

Name of Educational Institute that you are registered to attend next academic year:

Type of diagnosis (e.g., complete or incomplete, bilateral or Unilateral, cleft lip or cleft palate):

Craniofacial team of care, and surgeon's name: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Please submit this completed application, along with a 500 word essay that answers the following question:

Why should I be awarded the Katie Higgins Memorial Scholarship?



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Please agree to and sign the following honor statement:

I submit this application and essay with full honesty that I have provided all required information.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Please mail the completed application and essay via mail by March **31st**, 20**20** to:

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COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL AND POST MARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH **31**, 20**20** IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

FUNDS WILL BE DISPERSED TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FOLLOWING CONFIRMED ENROLLMENT FOR THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2019.
