

Sophia L. Goley Scholarship Award

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Dear Applicant,

Post secondary education now more than ever plays such an important role in having a successful future. Almost all of us have had childhood dreams that we desired to see come to pass. These dreams often call for two- or four-year trade and technical education or a two- or four-year college degree.

Life would not always have us to take an easy route to achieve our dreams. For some it does seem easier than others. However, there are the ones who face obstacles and roadblocks along the way. For the later group, it would be easy to feel they are victims, in turn forfeiting their futures and giving in to the pressure.

My wife Sophia faced significant roadblocks in her life that stemmed from a heart condition she was born with. She didn't choose this road, it was given to her. Having known her for the 11 years we were together, she never chose to be the victim. Sophia would put her worries and fears behind her so that she could press on to help others, and work towards her dreams.

When Sophia passed away, it was her life and how she lived it that inspired me not to quit, but to persevere. It is her life that has inspired Sophia's Heart Foundation and the Sophia L. Gokey Scholarship Award.

In giving out these Scholarship Awards, we want to honor those who have persevered through a significant roadblock, setback or challenge. We are looking for students that, in spite of their circumstances, have shown that they were committed to their dream, still attended and excelled in school and also chose to get involved in making their communities better.

I know the decisions will be hard in selecting those whom this award will be given to. I commend you for pushing through your circumstance. Thank you in advance for applying and thank you for being an inspiration to the youth in your area by pushing through your situation. You are a Hero. I offer my blessings and the best of wishes to you.

On Behalf of My Wife,



Daniel J. Gokey
President / Founder
Sophia's Heart Foundation



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Application Deadline: April 31st, 2010

Thank you for applying for the Sophia L. Gokey Scholarship Award. Scholarships awarded will be in the amount of \$1000. The following is a list of what we will need in order for you to be considered for this award:

- Completed Application
- Official sealed transcripts from your High School showing your cumulative GPA from your 9th, 10th and 11th grade years combined (on a 4.0 scale)
- 3 letters of recommendation, each from one of the following:
 - A teacher
 - A community leader
 - A person of your choice (that is not related to you)
- A 500 word essay (minimum) describing the dream you are pursuing and what significant roadblock, setback or challenge you have faced along the way

Please note that all required materials are to be mailed to:

Sophia's Heart Foundation
Attn: Scholarship
P.O. Box 8127
Hermitage, TN 37076-8127

Application must be mailed out **NO LATER THAN APRIL 31, 2010.**

Make sure that all materials are mailed together in a 8.5" by 11" envelope. All letters of recommendation are to be individually sealed by the recommending party and must include a phone number where they can be reached. If you have any further questions, please feel free to email us at:

info@sophiasheart.org

Thank you for applying and for being a role model in your community!



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APPLICATION

Please print or type the following information:

Name _____ Home Phone: _____

Address (Include hometown and zip): _____

Email address: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Social Security Number: _____

High School: _____

Date Of Graduation: _____

Area of Study / Major: _____

Technical or Vocational Schools/ Colleges where you have been accepted:

Please be complete in your responses to the following questions. Answer them on an additional sheet(s) of paper and please type your responses. Take some time to reflect on the questions before answering them.

- 1) What is your favorite interest or hobby?
- 2) Describe all paid and / or volunteer jobs you have held.
- 3) List any extra curricular and / or community activities you were involved in while in High School.
- 4) Have you ever received any awards or special recognition? Please explain.
- 5) What role does community service play in your life?

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- 6) How will this scholarship assist you with your educational goals?
- 7) Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
- 8) Name 3 things that are important to you and why.
- 9) Describe your readiness to start your Post Secondary educational experience. What transitional issues might you face and how do you think you will cope with them?

I fully understand the terms and conditions of this scholarship. I also acknowledge that all information provided is true.

Signature of Applicant

Date