



2023 Scholarship Application

The Sharing Network *Foundation* is pleased to announce the availability of multiple scholarships for 2023 graduating high school seniors. This year's program is made possible through the generosity of our family and partner funds, created to honor their loved ones and to further our life-saving mission. Funds include:

Hearts for Emma Partner Fund

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

Jim Rhatican Scholarship Fund

The Jim Rhatican Scholarship Fund was created in celebration of Jim Rhatican, a NJ Sharing Network Volunteer Ambassador, liver transplant recipient and retired teacher and coach of 35 years. The fund directly supports scholarships to high school students.

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. Following her passion and experience as a college counselor, Missy's fund directly supports scholarships to high school students.

Riley's Path

Riley's Path is dedicated to celebrating and remembering the life of Riley Kogen, who gave the gift of life through organ donation in 2015. Riley saved the lives of two women who received her kidneys. Her gift not only saved two people but impacted their entire families as well. Riley's father, Mitch Kogen, is a resident of West Orange and is dedicated to raising awareness for 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, our family and partner funds are committed to increasing the number of lives saved through clinical advancement, 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 2023
- 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 NJ Sharing Network or the Sharing Network *Foundation*, their spouse and/or children **are not eligible** for scholarship consideration.
- Board Members of NJ Sharing Network and the Sharing Network *Foundation*, Scholarship Committee members and Fund Principals, 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, Attn: Ametra D. Burton, 691 Central Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974** or scholarship@njsharingnetwork.org.

****DEADLINE****

Completed application must be received by end of day Monday, February 27th

Please Note:

- The above application requirements must be met in full. Applications that do not meet these requirements will be considered incomplete and applicants will be ineligible.
- All required documents must be submitted in one single packet via regular mail or in one e-mail in PDF format only if sending electronically.

2023 - 2024 SHARING NETWORK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION *Application*

available for download at www.sharingnetworkfoundation.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"/> Registered Organ and Tissue Donor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

EDUCATION:

Name of High School: _____ Dates Attended: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Current GPA: _____

School Guidance Counselor: _____ Phone: _____

If known, please include the date and time of your school's award ceremony:

Date: _____ Time: _____

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: _____

Name of Employer: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Organ donor and tissue donation education and advocacy activities:

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian 1

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian 2

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

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FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AND SCHEDULE:

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 is due in December.*** A school transcript will be required at that time. A minimum 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, the Sharing Network *Foundation* 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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**Send in PDF format only if sending electronically*

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Notification to Awardees – March 2023

Scholarship Awardees will be requested to attend a reception in April 2023 in celebration of National Donate Life Month.

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 Sharing Network *Foundation* immediately if there is a change in your academic status.

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

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