



SACRAMENTO REGION
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Diane Dawson Memorial Scholarship

The Diane Dawson Memorial Scholarship was established in 2003 in memory of Gail Diane Dawson. She was constantly volunteering time at her church, local schools and community events. She cherished her family and friends; her love and encouragement touched many. Her greatest joy was her two sons, Brad and Josh. Her dream was that they discover their gifts and talents, and become all that they can be. Her passion and love for her children, family, friends and community were the inspiration for this foundation. It is this passion that the foundation seeks to support in others.

Purpose and Amount

The Diane Dawson Memorial Scholarship will provide financial assistance, in the form of scholarships, for young men and women who have a parent or legal guardian with terminal cancer or other terminal illness, or who have lost a parent to a terminal disease. The Diane Dawson Memorial Scholarship will assist those in the greater Denver and Sacramento areas. Through efforts of family and friends, Diane's love of life, community and dedication to education lives on. The scholarship ranges from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Scholarship funds may be used for educational expenses such as tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

Eligibility

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior at a high school in the greater Sacramento or Denver area
- Have a parent or legal guardian with terminal cancer or other terminal illness, or have lost a parent to a terminal disease during their tenure in high school
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5

Evaluation criteria are weighted as follows: financial need 30%; personal essay 30%, student potential and merit 20%; letters of reference 10%; extracurricular activities 10%

Selection

The selection committee will review all applications from eligible candidates. Finalists will be selected based upon how well they meet the scholarship criteria. Finalists may be asked to meet with the selection committee for a personal interview. Applicants will be notified of final selections by the end of June.

Award

The scholarship will be disbursed over the course of one academic year (provided all requirements are met) and may be renewable for future years (based upon academic performance and financial need). Continuous, fulltime university enrollment is a requirement for award disbursement. The Sacramento Region Community Foundation will disburse the award directly to the university on behalf of the recipient.

How to Apply

Submit a complete application package by the specified due date. Use the following **application package checklist** to make sure your application package is complete:

- A completed application form
- A one page, typed, single spaced, self evaluation essay
- Official transcripts, in a sealed envelope
- A copy of your completed FAFSA
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals who are not related to the applicant, not to exceed one page each
- Medical verification of the death or illness of parent or legal guardian (such as death certificate or letter from attending physician)

Please visit www.sacregcf.org to obtain additional information and application materials. For questions, please contact our office at (916) 921-7723 or scholarships@sacregcf.org.

Deadline

The deadline to apply is **April 18, 2011**. Please mail the completed application packet to:

Sacramento Region Community Foundation
740 University Avenue, Suite 110
Sacramento, CA 95825

Attn: Diane Dawson Memorial Scholarship

Incomplete applications and those received after the deadline will not be considered.
NO EXCEPTIONS