



The Sarah Jayne Orton Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of the **Sarah Jayne Orton Memorial Scholarship** is to honor the life of Sarah Orton by providing a scholarship to a graduating female senior in the class of 2026 at Westminster High School. The applicant must meet the criteria set forth. This scholarship is funded by the work of Sarah's Cause, an ongoing mission to raise awareness of sepsis, and to support local animal shelters.

Eligibility Requirements:

Funds will be awarded to an applicant who meets the following eligibility:

1. The student is a member of the Westminster High School graduating class of 2026
2. The student classifies as a female
3. The student will have maintained a GPA of 3.5 for their high school career (unweighted)

Further Criteria:

Funds will be awarded to an applicant who meets the following criteria:

1. Must include **2 Letters of Recommendation** from a trusted adult (faculty, teacher, mentor, coach, etc.)
2. Answer the following prompt questions:
 - a. What do they aspire to do after graduation from college? (3-5 sentences minimum)
 - b. Include your top 3 college or institutions choices of consideration.

c. How has your love of animals impacted you? (3-5 sentences minimum)

d. Have you had a family member affected by Sepsis? Y / N
If yes, please expand 3-5 sentences or more

3. In 500 words or fewer, please describe why you want to receive a college education in your specific area of study, and how you might use it to help others?

****Any AI written essays will NOT be accepted.***

The administration of the Fund shall select the recipient of the scholarship, which is by the Orton Family, who reserve the right to make the award presentation.

- All income in the Fund shall be used for fund purposes to further their education.
- *The money shall be transmitted by the Community Foundation of Carroll County directly to the desired college or university and applied directly to the student's tuition and books. The monies shall not be remitted to the Fund winner.*

General Conditions:

Responsibilities of Fund:

The Community Foundation will transmit a check made payable to the institutions of higher learning chosen on or about August 1 of each year. The transfers will be in accordance with applicable regulations and laws governing such funds.

Responsibilities of Board:

- The successful student recipients will be selected in accordance with the selection criteria identified in the Agreement.
- The Community Foundation of Carroll County shall administer the program in a prudent financial manner and the funds may be commingled with other funds of the Community Foundation of Carroll County.



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