

Stephen DeSisto Memorial Scholarship Application



Honoring a Life Filled with Laughter and Joy

The Stephen DeSisto Memorial Scholarship was established to honor a life filled with laughter, joy, and the gift of bringing light into the lives of others. Stephen DeSisto was a bright presence to all who knew him. His humor, kindness, and zest for life made every moment richer, even in the face of tremendous challenges.

This scholarship seeks to support students who embody Stephen's spirit—those who bring joy to others, demonstrate resilience in the face of adversity, and have a genuine passion for making the world a happier, more compassionate place. Special consideration is given to applicants whose lives have been personally impacted by multiple sclerosis, through the experience of a loved one.

Through this scholarship, we aim to honor not only Stephen's enduring spirit, but also the strength, empathy, and perspective gained by those whose lives have been shaped by loving someone with MS.

Scholarship Details:

- **Award Amount:** \$1000
- **Eligibility:** High school seniors or current college undergraduate students who demonstrate a positive impact on their community through humor, kindness, and perseverance.
- **Application Deadline:** Postmarked by last day of April
- **Recipient Notification:** June - July

Application Requirements:

1. Applicant Information:

First Name	Last Name		
Date of Birth	Phone Number	e-mail	
Address	City/Town	State	Zip
School Currently Attending	Year		
School Applying To (HS Seniors only)			



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2. **Essay (500-750 words):**

- Share how humor and positivity have played a role in your life. How do you use humor to uplift others, overcome challenges, or bring people together? Please attach to this application.

3. **Letter of Recommendation:**

- One letter from a teacher, mentor, coach, or community leader who can speak to your character and positive influence.

4. **Optional, but encouraged:**

- A short video (1-2 minutes) sharing a joke, funny story, or moment that reflects your personality and love for life.

Submission Instructions:

- Please submit all application materials to scholarship@msisbsnewengland.com
- For video submissions, provide a link or attach to e-mail.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Selection Criteria: The scholarship committee will evaluate applications based on:

- Creativity and authenticity in the essay.
- Demonstrated impact through humor and positivity.
- Strength of the recommendation letter.
- Overall alignment with Stephen DeSisto's joyful spirit.

Contact Information:

For questions regarding the scholarship, please contact scholarship@msisbsnewengland.com

We look forward to honoring Stephen's legacy by recognizing students who bring light and laughter into the world. Thank you for applying!

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I acknowledge that I am signing this Waiver and Release freely and voluntarily, and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Sign below (if under the age of 18, have a parent or legal guardian sign)

First Name

Last Name

Signature

Date

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