



Valiant Women Scholarship

*“The important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win, but to take part; **the important thing in Life is not triumph, but the struggle**; the essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well. To spread these principles is to build up a strong and more valiant and, above all, more scrupulous and more generous humanity.”*

This scholarship is inspired by the famous quote from Pierre de Coubertin, founding member of the International Olympic Committee. The purpose of the Valiant Women Scholarship is to highlight young women who can describe how they fought or are fighting a unique and profound struggle and how it has inspired them to turn their sorrows into service to help and inspire others.

Battling a profound struggle will have a greater impact on who we become as adults and how we inspire others, than perhaps winning the 1st place trophy, being voted MVP, achieving honors, or receiving a gold medal. The Olympics created a platform for inspirational stories such as “Eddie the Eagle” and Jamaica’s bobsled team “Cool Runnings” to unfold and serve as great examples of how fighting the fight without winning an award or medal can inspire young and old alike for generations to come.

It is up to us to take what life throws at us, fight well, and twist and turn it until it becomes advantageous to us. If we do, we learn we have grown into stronger and hopefully more compassionate women so we can take what we learned and pay it forward to help and inspire others. The Father-Daughter Foundation’s board of directors wants to hear your unique story.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Suggested GPA = 2.75 or higher
2. Must be attending a two or four year school next year
3. Must be a female from the graduating class of LTHS in LaGrange, IL
4. Must have fought well or are currently fighting through a unique and profound struggle

*****INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED*****

PROCEDURES:

- ① Please include the following information to be shared with the selection committee. Your information will be kept private and will not be shared, distributed, or sold. This information is solely for the purpose of getting to know you better and allowing us to stay in touch with you in the future.

Date Submitted: ____/____/____

Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name:

Relationship to you:

E-mail:

Parent/Guardian marital status(optional): married / separated / divorced /widower / single parent-guardian

Number of siblings: ____ Brothers ____ Sisters

E-Mail Address (Provide an e-mail address where you can be reached after graduation): _____

Please note as part of our due diligence the selection committee will be reviewing public media accounts such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc.

Student I.D. #: _____

Class of: _____

GPA: _____

What is your intended course of study next year? _____

	Name of University or College	Date Applied:	Date of Acceptance/Pending:
1)	_____	____/____/____	_____
2)	_____	____/____/____	_____
3)	_____	____/____/____	_____
4)	_____	____/____/____	_____

- 2. Please include a copy of your unofficial transcript from Infinite Campus, the student information system.
- 3. Please include a picture or collage that represents you.
- 4. Please include at least one letter of recommendation.
Who in your life knows how you fought or are fighting through your struggle? Who in your life can describe why you are a valiant woman? When you think of that special someone, ask them politely if they wouldn't mind reading about this scholarship and writing a letter on your behalf explaining why you deserve to be the recipient of the Valiant Women Scholarship. Remember, everyone's time is limited and valuable and writing a letter of recommendation can take days or even a week. Visit www.FatherDaughterFoundation.org for details on submitting your letter of recommendation.
- 5. In list format, specify extracurricular activities, as well as part-time jobs.
- 6. Explain any special circumstances/needs you would like to identify.
- 7. Please answer the following essay questions by typing your answers in essay format or by submitting a video. Your typed application or video submission must be submitted between February 1-March 8, 2018. Visit www.FatherDaughterFoundation.org for details on submitting.
 - a. Reflect on a profound struggle or adversity you have or are currently battling.
 - b. What were your motivations during your struggle? Have you developed a support system and if so what role have they played during your struggle? How did you acknowledge their support?
 - c. What strengths and skillsets have you gained through your struggle?
 - d. How have those strengths and skillsets given you confidence, empowered you and given you an influential edge to navigate through life?
 - e. Being a Valiant Woman of the Father-Daughter Foundation means you are a fighter who pays forward your gratitude by helping others; behaving with grace, character, and dignity. How do you demonstrate this? How do you use your battle to inspire others?

Typed Essay Submission:

All questions must be at least **300 words each**.

Video Submission:

Submitting a video gives you the opportunity to add additional creativity but please make sure to answer the essay questions within your video. The video should be **3 to 5 minutes in length**.

⑧ Sign the release below.

I hereby grant permission to the Father-Daughter Foundation *in Memory of Richard J. Meyer* to reproduce any portion of the photo or the video I am submitting with my application for the foundation's scholarship. The photo/video has been taken/recorded by me _____ (Photographer's full name) for the purpose of self-use and/or self-promotion and can be used on the foundation's newsletters, website, or other promotions or materials without any compensation or recognition given to me.

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If you are under the age of 18 please include a Parent/Guardian signature.

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Print Name of Applicant	Signature of Applicant	Date
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Print Name of Parent or Guardian	Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date