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Laura Soroko Scholarship



Gateway High School Memorial Scholarship

In Honor of Laura Irene Soroko

IT'S TIME TO MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN

I've always been bewildered with the saying, "Live every day like it's your last." Life isn't about what was or what will be, it's about what is. If you spend your whole life trying to make things right, time is being wasted.

Knowing the difference between right and wrong comes out of experience. Not everything can be the way that you want it to be. It's time to stop living in fantasies and dreams. You have to go out and tackle the human race. Show them exactly what you're made of. Show them all of the many talents and wonders you leave hidden inside your heart and soul.

It's great to dream big, but it's even greater when you can take that dream and turn it into reality. Let the teenager inside of you, who is trapped and doesn't know what you really want in life, come out. Free that person, and open up the doors for the future adult who knows exactly what s/he wants in life rise to the occasion and grab it.

No one lives forever, but you can make the best of whatever times The Creator gives you. Be strong. Be confident. Be the person you know you can be. You can do whatever you set your mind to! These are the keys to unlocking your future: Work hard, serve God, and love those around you.

Just believe.

Laura Soroko
September, 2002

Laura Soroko attended Gateway High School from 1999-2002. She was involved in many school activities, including Spanish Club, Interact Club, Links, Student Council and the school newspaper. She belonged to a local youth group at church and worked as a counselor at Adams Camp during the summer of 2002. Laura was a quiet teen, known for kindness, patience and a deep understanding of others. She loved doves and angels. Laura wanted to make the world a better place by becoming a teacher. In January of 2000, Laura was hit by a car while walking home from school. Laura suffered a brain injury because of the accident but successfully overcame learning disabilities and became an honor student. In September of 2002, Laura died unexpectedly of a cerebral hemorrhage. She had just celebrated her sixteenth birthday.

The Laura Soroko Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded annually in her memory to 1 graduating senior of Gateway High School.

One scholarship will be given to a student who wants to become a teacher. This applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and should submit a letter or acceptance from an institution of higher learning.

Selection will be based upon U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen status, the quality of the application, including the applicant's desire to help those in need, value placed on academic achievement and a sense of personal faith.

The award may be used for tuition, books and fees at any institution of higher learning, including vocational technical schools in the United States. APSEF will issue the award directly to the institution.

Please submit one (1) complete original application and five (5) complete collated and stapled copies. APSEF must receive all six (6) packets by the deadline date and time for your application to be considered. Submit application materials to:

Aurora Public Schools Education Foundation
15701 E. 1st Avenue, #100
Aurora, CO 80011
Phone: 303-326-2054



APPLICATION

*Gateway High School Memorial Scholarship
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Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Phone _____ GPA _____

All information will be used by the selection committee and handled confidentially.

1. Please answer the items in the space provided on the following page. Write one or two paragraphs for A, B and C.
 - A. What importance do you place on academic achievement?
 - B. Describe ways in which you have and will help others in your life on a regular basis.
 - C. Please list the community, school and sports or recreational activities you have been involved in during your high school career. Describe how these activities have made a positive contribution to your school or community.
2. Attach one letter of recommendation from a teacher. Individuals writing letters of recommendation are requested to comment on the following personal qualities of the applicant: importance placed on academic achievement, the desire to help those in need, and a sense of personal faith.
3. Submit a letter of acceptance from an institution of higher learning.
4. Attach your unofficial high school transcript which includes the first semester of your senior year.

I verify the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature _____ Date _____
Type name if applying on-line

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DEADLINE – March 2, 2009 • 4:00 p.m.

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C. Please list the community, school and sports or recreational activities you have been involved in during your high school career. Describe how these activities have made a positive contribution to your school or community.