

Aurora Public Schools FOUNDATION

2017 Scholarships
The application deadline is 4:00PM on April 7th, 2017

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Richard Anderson and Anderson Family Autism Scholarship

This scholarship, established in 2014 is intended for an Aurora Public School graduating senior who has been diagnosed with Autism. This scholarship is to be used to further their education goals in a post secondary school. The scholarship is being established because, in our search for scholarships for students with autism, we found that an autistic student may not qualify for many scholarships. An autistic student has different challenges in their life. The purpose of this scholarship is to help an autistic student attend a post secondary school so that they can further their educational goals.

The objective of this scholarship is to award an Autistic student who may not otherwise have a chance to further their education after high school.

- One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A cumulative GPA of 2.0;
- Have an Autism diagnosis;
- Be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States Citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a completed application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of their high school transcript;
- Provide documentation from a licensed Medical Physician, or school counselor, that they have been diagnosed with Autism;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation, one from a teacher at their high school; and
- A short essay (250 words or less) as to what their area of study will be and why they would like to pursue a degree in that field.

Dorothy Osborn Barry Education Fund

The Dorothy Osborn Barry Educational Fund is intended for women who have overcome obstacles in their lives, and are determined to change their direction and better themselves by pursuing a course of education or training that will help them become self-reliant.

- One, \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education for tuition, fees, books, and supplies.



Recipients of the Dorothy Osborn Barry Educational Fund will be selected based upon the application and the woman's:

- Determination to change her circumstance;
- Potential for success;
- Financial need;
- Attitude and character, not aptitude; and
- Ability to express herself verbally and in writing.

Applicants must be women who:

- Demonstrate the desire and need to make a second start in their lives;
- Have received a high school diploma or GED, OR present proof of admission to an institution of higher learning or trade school;
- Are citizens of the United States; and
- Live in the City of Aurora.

Women who apply for this scholarship must complete the electronic application and attach the following:

- Proof of graduation from high school, of earning a GED or of being accepted for enrollment by an institution of higher learning, trade or occupational school;
- A personally written essay, of 1,000 words or less, expressing a desire for a second chance with the determination to be successful in that effort; and
- Two letters of recommendation.

AJ Boik Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of AJ Boik, a victim of the Aurora theatre shooting on July 20, 2012. AJ was a graduate of Gateway High School where he played baseball, made pottery and played music. AJ had planned to attend the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design and had dreams to be an art teacher and open his own studio.

- Seven \$600 scholarships will be awarded this spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education for tuition, fees, books, and supplies.

One scholarship will be awarded to a student from each of the following schools:

- Aurora Central High School
- Aurora West Preparatory
- Gateway High School
- Hinkley High School
- Rangeview High School
- Vista Peak High School
- William Smith High School

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- Be a graduating senior from an APS High School listed above;
- United States Citizen or eligible non-citizen; and
- Demonstrate an interest in visual arts.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a completed application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of their high school transcript;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation, at least one from an art teacher at their high school; and
- A short essay (500 words or less) as to what their area of study will be and why the visual arts are so important to them.

Bob Caviness Scholarship

Robert “Bob” F. Caviness was a World War II Navy veteran. Thanks to the WWII G.I. Bill, Bob was the first member of the vast Caviness family to be able to attend and graduate from college. He had a passion for history, teaching, and coaching young people, so he became a teacher. Bob began his teaching career in Washington in 1949. He and his wife, Lois, moved to Colorado in 1955 where Bob began teaching at Aurora Central High School. Bob was one of the original teachers at William C. Hinkley High School when it opened in 1963. Bob’s teaching career was 43 years long. His athletic coaching career spanned over 60 years.



Bob Caviness started the Aurora Relays in 1957. The Relays became one of the first coed track meets in Colorado and is one of the oldest continuing meets in the state. He also started the Aurora Invitational Cross Country Meet-also the oldest cross country meet in the state of Colorado. He received numerous awards over the 60 years of his coaching career for his contributions to Colorado Cross Country and Track and Field. Bob was the 1985 Region 6 National Cross Country Coach of the Year, and he was inducted to the Colorado Coaching Hall of Fame in 1988. Over the years, he also has the privilege of coaching several Colorado State Cross Country champions, many Track and Field State Champions and top place finishers.

Teaching and coaching young people were his passions as he eagerly looked forward to each and every school day. Bob was also a strong supporter of all Aurora Public School students and staff during his tenure there, and he continued to actively cheer on and support APS students and athletes during his retirement.

Bob was very thankful for the G.I. Bill that enabled him to attend college and achieve his dream of becoming a teacher and coach. He actively encouraged his students and athletes to find an avenue; scholarships for academics, athletics, or even the military – for them to be able to attend college and find a career for which they were passionate.

Bob passed away in June of 2009. This memorial scholarship has been set up in order to help Aurora Public School Student athletes.

- Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student’s institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A Cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5;
- Accepted to an accredited college/university/community/technical school;
- Participant in this year’s Robert F. Caviness Invitational attending an APS High School;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;

- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation (One from a teacher and one from an athletic/extra-curricular coach); and
- 500-1500 word essay on one of the following topics: 1) “Track and Field made a difference in my life” OR 2) “My coach influenced my life by...” OR 3) Submit your resume from your future, as if you have just graduated from college and are seeking your first job in the career of your choice.

Denise Davis Teen Parent Scholarship

Denise Davis, an Assessment and Training Specialist for Arapahoe County Employment and Training, was a passionate advocate for pregnant teens at William Smith High School and throughout Aurora Public School.

Making a difference in the lives of young parents, in the form of preventions as well as intervention, was Davis' mission. Armed with only a desk, telephone, and computer, Davis set a network of support and resources for pregnant teens by working with the Arapahoe Office of Employment and Training and the Metro Denver Provider Network.

Davis goal was to provide concrete solutions to curbing the incidence of teen pregnancy through counseling services and scholarships for post-secondary training- a crucial element in offsetting the poverty that usually follows teen pregnancies.

The Denise Davis Teen Parent Scholarship fund has been established to continue Davis' work and will be awarded to teen parents seeking higher education.

- One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- Be a teen parent;
- Demonstrate financial need;
- Plan to attend college, vocational, or business school by the fall following high school graduation;
- Demonstrate involvement in school or community service activities;
- Show proof of acceptance at the intended school;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from high school faculty members; and
- Submit a one page outline of your school/community service; your educational plans upon graduation; and how this scholarship will assist you.

Gerkin Family Expository Writing Scholarship

This award is intended to reward writers who can create a strong single effect on their audience through a portfolio of expository pieces including, but not limited to, research paper, essay, personal essay, memoir, article or other expository piece. Fiction and Poetry will not be accepted. Each piece should take risks in terms of language to show the author knows how to manipulate language for voice. Writing should demonstrate a strong use of rhythm, diction and utilize a strong tone.

- Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- Must be accepted at an accredited college/university/technical school;
- A cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide one letter of recommendation; and
- Submit an Expository Portfolio (minimum of two pieces): Each piece must be a minimum of 800 words and maximum of 1,500 words. Each piece must be double-spaced. Any material coming from an outside source must be appropriately documented using APA, MLA, or other similar style manual.

T. Matt Hirschfeld Scholarship

Matt attended Gateway High School from 1992-1994. A charming young man, Matt participated in sports and school activities, including skiing, and fishing. He especially loved biking and soccer. Matt had a dimpled smile and was always willing to help friends and family.



The scholarship objective is to reward an average student who may not always get recognized for effort versus academic achievement.

- One \$2,000 scholarship for a student attending a 4-year institution or One \$1,000 scholarship for a student attending a 2-year institution (\$500 each year for a 4-year institution or \$500 each year for a 2-year institution – If a student attends a 2-year institution and transfers to a 4-year institution they can apply for an additional \$1,000 award). Awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must be a graduating senior from Gateway High School;
- A cumulative minimum GPA between 2.0 to 3.25; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation (one not from a teacher); and
- Please answer the following questions:
 - How will this scholarship help you reach your educational and career goals?
 - 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.
 - Describe ways in which you help others on a regular basis.

Kristin D. Hiza Memorial Scholarship

Kristin Diann (Horgan) Hiza was born in Yonkers on September 22, 1977. She earned a BS degree (with honors) in Athletic Training from Springfield College and a Masters degree in Education from Denver University. Kristin was a beloved 4th and 5th grade teacher at Tollgate Elementary. Kristin's courageous sprit, love for life, and dedication to teaching made a positive impact on her students and fellow educators. This scholarship award is made in memory of Kristin D. Hiza.



- One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0;
- Demonstration of financial need;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts; and
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation.

Nora Jane Crocker Redding Scholarship



This Scholarship was established by the friends and family of Nora Jane Crocker Redding, a very special teacher. This is our way of saluting her character. It is our way of ensuring the educational values, which she cherished, continue to thrive in the next generation of educators. As you complete the application, there are a few things we want you to know.

Nora was a great thinker who loved books, classical music, and practical jokes. A lifelong learner, Nora could have taught anything, not because she knew everything, but because she understood and respected “how” people learn. She set high standards for herself and others and then applied knowledge, determination and wit to accomplish her goals. Able to laugh at herself, Nora brought joy, compassion and a sharp mind to her classroom and made then part of the learning. To Nora, teaching was not just a job, it was her life.

It is our intention to award a \$2,000 scholarship annually to a graduating senior who aspires to a career in the teaching profession. In the essay, applicants are encouraged to highlight instances which demonstrate their love of learning, their commitment to high standards in life and their dedication to children. Nora was a wonderful wife, a devoted mother and cherished friend. We look forward to reading your application.

- One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student’s institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0;
- Demonstrated aspiration to establish a career in the teaching profession;
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from an APS High School; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Education Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide three (3) letters of recommendation. They may be from faculty and/or adults outside of the school setting;
- Answer the following questions:
 - Who is your best friend and why?
 - What things make you laugh?
 - What do you like most about your family?
 - What do you like most about school?
- Submit an essay (1,000 words or less) detailing what you expect to accomplish by becoming a teacher.

The Myrtle Replogle Travis and Russell Romaine Travis Memorial Scholarship



The Replogle-Travis Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior at Aurora Central High School.

The scholarship award may be applied toward the pursuit of higher education at any university, college or accredited technical school.

- One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually each spring and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A high value of scholarship and achievement;
- A wholesome influence upon others;
- A genuine concern for those in need;
- An abiding personal faith;
- No racial discrimination;
- No involvement with drugs or alcohol;
- Low income family member; and
- Be in good standing at Aurora Central High School and rank within the top half of their class as of the end of the first semester of their senior year.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Education Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation; and
- Write an essay of 1,000 words or less on their goals and values.

Lore H. Wiggins Scholarship

This scholarship fund has been established in loving memory of Gateway High School French teacher, Lore Wiggins, PhD, by her daughters, siblings, nieces and nephews. Mrs. Wiggins was with Aurora Public Schools and taught beginning through advanced level French classes at Gateway High School for many years.

Madame Wiggins, as she was known to all her students, knew that speaking foreign languages and understanding other cultures could open doors to new adventures and furthering careers. Nothing thrilled her more than seeing her students grow up and find personal fulfillment in all walks of life, but especially so when they were able to build on the foreign language knowledge gained in high school. It is entirely in this spirit that her legacy be continued in the form of a scholarship for students wishing to pursue language studies in college. Mrs. Wiggins had a passion for foreign languages and she enjoyed sharing that each and every day with her students.

In honor of Mrs. Wiggins, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who aspire to continue their foreign language education at an accredited post-secondary institution. In the required essay, applicants are encouraged to highlight how they want to use their foreign language education and how these scholarship funds will help them achieve that goal.

- One, \$1,000, one-time scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors annually and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must be a graduating senior from Gateway High School;
- Applicants wanting to major in French will have first consideration over other language majors; and
- Open to all students regardless of citizenship status.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a foreign language teacher;
- Submit an essay (1,000 words or less) detailing your interest in and eagerness to learn French (or other chosen language major), how you want to use this education, and why you feel you deserve this scholarship; and
- A personal interview may be required.

Vista Peak Business Pathway Scholarship

The Vista Peak Business Pathway Scholarship, established in 2014, is administered by the Aurora Public Schools Foundation and funded by the Vista Peak Business Pathway. The Business Pathway Scholarship will be awarded to one graduating senior, who meets the specific guidelines and criteria laid out below. The goal of the scholarship is to provide post-secondary funding to a Business Pathway student that has gone above and beyond in their high school tenure.

- One \$1,000 student scholarship will be awarded and will be paid directly to the student's institute of higher education.

Students must meet the following requirements:

- A cumulative minimum GPA of 2.75;
- Student must be a graduating senior from Vista Peak Preparatory as well as a Business Pathway Student that has completed a minimum of two full years of Business Pathway coursework; and
- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Students must provide the following information for their application to be considered for this scholarship award:

- Submit a complete application to Aurora Public Schools Foundation;
- Provide a copy of high school transcripts;
- Provide one letter of recommendation;
- Essay (1,000 words or less): Please comment on your experience in the Business Pathway, and how it has set you up for success in your future endeavors. What successes as well as failures did the pathway bring you and how have those made you a better student, individual, or person? Finally tell us why you should be considered for this scholarship and how receiving this scholarship will help you succeed; and
- Resume: Please include academic awards, leadership honors, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, employment, club membership, etc.