

Becca Galloway Heart of Gold Scholarship

On June 27, 2018 Becca Galloway passed away at the hands of a cancerous brain tumor. She was a student at Grand Valley State University, studying psychology and criminal justice in the hopes of one day owning and operating her own equine therapy stable. She was also an intern at Hopewell Ranch of Mount Pleasant, MI, creating and implementing programming as well as working one-on-one with people in equine therapy sessions. She was a 2015 graduate of Otsego High School.

Becca was a person filled to the brim with kindness and compassion for helping others. She was also blessed with a servant heart that she used to its full capacity. Her life goal was to use equine therapy methods in order to rehabilitate convicts and parolees back into being functional members of society. She ultimately wanted to give the people who were the outcasts of society a better life in any way she could.

This scholarship was created in her memory in order for her legacy of kindness and compassion to live on by helping OHS students afford a post-secondary education.

Criteria:

1. Student must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
2. Student must be pursuing a post-secondary education of some kind. This includes 2-year vocational and trade schools, community colleges, and 4-year universities.
3. Student must provide a minimum of two (2), maximum of three (3) non-family letters of recommendation.
4. Student must provide a full list of extra-curricular and volunteer/service experience.
5. Student must demonstrate a passion for community service and helping others.

Special preference will be given to students who:

1. Have been involved in 4-H in any capacity
2. Are planning to pursue or are interested in pursuing psychology and/or criminal justice studies.

Details:

- Two students who best fit the criteria will each receive a one-time, \$500 non-renewable scholarship.

Deadline:

- **All materials must be submitted to the OHS guidance office by March 30th at 3pm.**

Additional materials:

The following information **MUST** be submitted along with your Primary Information application in order for you to be considered for an award:

- A **current** copy of your **high school transcript**
- Two (2) – Three (3) **letters of recommendation** (non-family)
 - Letters should respond on the character of the student in regards to their *kindness, compassion, selflessness, loyalty, drive, work ethic, and willingness to help others.*
 - Teachers, coaches, mentors, or employers would be great people to ask to write a letter!
- **An essay responding to the following prompt.** (We recommend a minimum of 250-500 words, but more may be written if needed for a complete response).

Essay prompt:

Write about a challenging hardship you have had to walk through. Discuss what the hardship was, how you handled it, and how it has changed you or your perspective.

**** ALL materials must be submitted by MARCH 30TH, 2019 in the OHS Guidance Office for you to be considered! Please simply paperclip all materials together. ****

Good luck completing all of the necessary components! We look forward to reading your responses and seeing your character shine through the submitted materials! Just be you!