



Scholarship Criteria

Kellsie Marchbanks, a 2008 graduate of Collinsville High School, was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma (a rare bone cancer) at age 15. She was a member of the Collinsville High School Dance Team when she was diagnosed, and was told she would never dance again. Despite the obstacles she faced, Kellsie always maintained a “never give up” attitude. Although she could not participate in dance team during her treatments, she attended practices and supported the team whenever she was well enough. After a year of aggressive treatment was complete, she resumed her spot on the dance team and was recognized by the IDTA with a “Rising Star Award” and the team earned a first place trophy at the state competition. It was also during this time that Kellsie developed a passion for caring for others, especially kids facing cancer, and was inspired to become a nurse. Kellsie was a member of the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) at Collinsville High School. She also volunteered for the Make a Wish Foundation, HIS Kids, and Kids with Cancer, giving back to organizations that had so generously given to her.

After graduation, Kellsie received an Associate’s degree in Nursing from SWIC and was accepted to the Goldfarb School of Nursing. She began her first semester of Nursing School, when the cancer returned. Kellsie lost her battle with this disease in June of 2011, just short of her 21st birthday.

To honor Kellsie’s memory and her dreams of becoming a nurse, The Marchbanks family, through the Kellsie’s Hope Foundation, has established a \$500 Scholarship to be awarded annually, to a High School Senior whose goal is to become a nurse and exemplifies Kellsie’s giving spirit.

Requirements: GPA 3.0 overall and Health Careers Classes

A senior student who has been involved in extra-curricular activities or volunteer work, who exhibits dedication, enthusiasm, compassion, a giving spirit, and who inspires others to achieve and maintain a positive attitude.

Acceptance into an accredited School of Nursing

A short essay, describing yourself, the reason you want to be a nurse, and how you inspire others or hope to inspire others in the future.

Interview with the Selection Committee

Committee A Member of the Kellsie’s Hope Foundation Board

A Teacher

A Nurse

Application Process: Complete the application and a short essay and send to cindylorentzen@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is April 30th, 2021.

The \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually and will be sent to the Educational Institution.