



Natasha Anne Gaziano Foundation

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The Natasha Anne Gaziano Foundation Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Natasha Anne Gaziano who courageously fought her battle with cystic fibrosis. The scholarship will be awarded to individuals who, like Natasha, demonstrate a passion for life and education while serving as a role model in the CF/ lung transplant community.

Natasha graduated from The University of Florida in 2004 with high honors and was the recipient of the University Scholars Award for outstanding qualitative research, the Blair Sadler International Arts in Healthcare Award for excellence in using the arts to enhance the healing experience, the Outstanding Student of the Year Award. She was a Solvay Pharmaceuticals Scholarship recipient in recognition of outstanding collegiate achievement, and she received the Stoughtman Scholarship. . In her free time, Natasha loved mentoring other CF patients, dance, reading, and writing, as well as shopping and spending time with her beloved family and friends. She never let CF get in the way of the people and activities she loved, and inspired others throughout her life.

While Natasha won many awards during her life, her favorite achievement was creating "Breathe Strong" a comprehensive Pilates program. "Breathe Strong," her legacy, was developed to help others living with CF continues to grow and has been adopted at such hospitals as Shands at the University of Florida and Boston Children's Hospital at Harvard University.

The mission of the Natasha Anne Gaziano Foundation is to encourage education and provide educational scholarships to individuals with CF or post lung transplant patients. Scholarship awards will be given to individuals who have been accepted to college or vocational school, or who are enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or professional level program. The scholarships awarded will be based on academic achievement, leadership, character and community service. The scholarships are not need based scholarships; they are open to any CF individual regardless of their financial background.

The committee that reviews the applications is looking for an individual who embodies the same values and attitude as Natasha did. The ideal candidate is one who has overcome their health obstacles and accomplished a worthwhile note worthy goal. **Applications will be accepted and reviewed at any time, but scholarships will be awarded on a biannual basis.**



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Biographical Information

Name: _____ Birthdate/ Age: ___ / ___ / _____ Sex: Male Female
Permanent Address: _____
Current Address (if different): _____
Email: _____ Telephone Number: (____) _____

Educational Information

Please fill out the section that describes your current educational level. List only schools you have already attended and schools that you have been accepted to. (Please indicate if you have already accepted an offer of admission to college and when you expect to enroll if you are not yet enrolled.)

Name and address of High School attended:

Name and address of Undergraduate college:

Name and address of Graduate/ professional college:

Name and address of Vocational school:

Do you feel that your grades are an accurate depiction of your abilities? If not, briefly describe what circumstances prevented you from doing better in school?

Activities

Please list below any activities that you participated in other than academic courses. Please include clubs, organizations, sports, etc.

Activities: _____

Dates of participation: _____

Awards/ Honors: _____

Offices Held (if applicable): _____

Community Service

Please list below any community service projects you have participated in without receiving any pay. Please include volunteer work, civic involvement, etc.

Organization(s): _____

Dates of Participation: _____

Honors/ Awards: _____

Describe your involvement and duties: _____

Contact person(s) at the organization: _____

Work History

Please list below your most recent work history.

Company: _____

Dates of employment: _____

Position: _____

Hours per week: _____

Personal Essay

Because Natasha loved writing and it will give us the most information about you, the following essays are a significant part of the application and are given the most weight. Please give each essay considerable thought. Please type and double space each essay.

Write an essay no longer than 2 pages double spaced about yourself and describe any accomplishment you are proud of that you achieved despite having CF.

Write an essay no longer than 2 pages double spaced describing your post- graduation goals, and how achieving a college degree will help further your goals. What career did you choose and who or what influenced your decision? Explain how you will give back to the CF community in school or after graduation.

Write an essay no longer than 2 pages double spaced describing the importance of compliance with CF therapies and what you practice on a daily basis to maintain optimal health. Describe what affect the daily health regimine has had on your life.

Certification and Signature

By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided to the Natasha Anne Gaziano Foundation is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give the Natasha Anne Gaziano Foundation permission to verify any and all application materials. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give Natasha Anne Gaziano Foundation permission to reproduce any picture or essay submitted for recognition on the Natasha Anne Gaziano Foundation website. All grades, medical information, and recommendation letters will be kept confidential.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Physician's Letter

Candidate's Name: _____

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CF Center: _____

Contact information: _____

Physician Instructions: Please provide a letter on the appropriate letterhead stating that the above named candidate is a patient of yours and that you are treating the candidate for cystic fibrosis. Please indicate in that letter if the patient is compliant with his or her course of treatment as prescribed by you.

Candidate's Instructions: Be sure and keep a copy of the above letter for your records. Include the original letter in the application.

Please note, **we are not asking for medical records or confidential patient details**. This information is needed to confirm the diagnosis of the applicant and to ensure that the applicant is compliant with his or her course of treatment as good compliance goes to core of the Natasha Gaziano Foundation Mission Statement.

Application Check List

- Completed application:** Complete and sign all the pages of the application.
- Applicant picture:** Please include a recent photo of yourself to be displayed on the Natasha Anne Gaziano Foundation website if selected as a scholarship recipient.
- Student Essay:** Enclose all required student essays.
- Official School Record:** Attach an **official** transcript from the high school, college, or vocational school you are currently attending.
- Verification of Acceptance:** Attach a copy of the acceptance letter you received from the school you wish to attend.
- Personal Reference Recommendation:** Include the original copy of the personal reference sheet that your reference completed.
- Physician's Letter:** Include the original copy of the letter written by candidate's physician.