



THE SOCIETY FOR HANDICAPPED CITIZENS  
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## SHARON AND KRISTINE DUNHAM SCHOLARSHIP

### ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The siblings of Sharon and Kristine Dunham established the scholarship to honor the memory of their sisters. Sharon had an intellectual disability and lived in a Society group home, and Kristine was an accomplished learner having earned her PhD. The scholarship is a tribute to Kristine's passion for higher education, and Sharon's ability to teach others to be sensitive toward individuals with an intellectual disability.

### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants will be screened to determine that they meet the scholarship basic requirements:

- A connection to The Society through work, a family member receiving services from The Society, or community involvement
- A non-traditional student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in any area of study. A non-traditional student is defined as a student who:
  - Delays enrollment (does not enter postsecondary education in the same calendar year that he or she finished high school)
  - Attends part-time for at least part of the academic year
  - Works full-time (35 hours or more per week) while enrolled
  - Is considered financially independent for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid
  - Has dependents other than a spouse (usually children, but may also be caregivers of sick or elderly family members)
  - Is a single parent (either not married or married but separated and has dependents)
  - Does not have a high school diploma (completed high school with a GED or other high school completion certificate or did not finish high school)
- Properly completes the application packet

Awards will be based on information provided on the scholarship application form, which will be judged based on content and quality. This is a one-year, non-renewable scholarship for \$1,000.

### APPLICATIONS

Interested applicants must complete a Sharon and Kristine Dunham Scholarship application form. Forms are available by calling 330-722-1900, ext. 196, or through our website at [www.shc-medina.org](http://www.shc-medina.org). Deadline for submitting a completed application is the end of March each year. Check the current application for submission deadline.

### AWARDS

The Sharon and Kristine Dunham Scholarship awards one, \$1,000 scholarship each year. The Society Development and Community Relations Department screens all applications for eligibility. The scholarship committee administers the scholarship, which is awarded at The Society Annual Meeting in May of each year. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.



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*The Sharon and Kristine Dunham Scholarship Application*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your connection to The Society.

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In what way are you a non-traditional student? (Please refer to eligibility requirements)

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What is your intended major and what college are you planning on or already attending?

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### *The Sharon and Kristine Dunham Scholarship Application*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Dunham family valued education. Five of the Dunham children set up the scholarship you are applying for in the name of two of their sisters: Kristine and Sharon. Kristine was an accomplished learner who had earned her Ph.D. Sharon lived in one of The Society's group homes. The scholarship celebrates Kristine's passion for higher education and Sharon's ability to teach others to be sensitive toward individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Please answer all three questions. You may answer the questions on a separate piece of paper and attach. Content and quality (spelling and grammar) will be taken into consideration.

1. In what way have you been inspired by someone with special needs?



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2. How will education help you achieve your career goals?



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3. How will your career allow you to help others with special needs?



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4. **Please submit at least one professional or personal letter of recommendation.** (Not from a family member)

Name of person providing your letter of recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

***The deadline for submitting an application is Friday, March 26, 2021, at 5 p.m.***

**Please note:** Awards will be based upon information provided on the scholarship application form. The Society Scholarship Committee administers the scholarship, and it is awarded at the Society Annual Meeting in May of each year. The decision of the scholarship committee is final.

Submit a completed application form and all supporting documents to:

Sharon and Kristine Dunham Scholarship Committee  
The Society  
4283 Paradise Rd., Seville, OH 44273

If you have questions, please call (330) 722-1900, ext. 196.