

## **The Ceili Anne Leahy Service Scholarship**

This \$2,500 scholarship honors the legacy of Ceili Anne Leahy, a member of the James Monroe High School Class of 2014.

Ceili fought cancer with grace throughout her senior year at JM. After she graduated, she attended the University of Virginia. Ceili died in January 2016.

**Deadline:** Friday, April 3, 2020 – By 2:45 PM to Counseling Center

### **Application Procedures:**

- Applications are available from the Counseling Center.
- The completed application is to be returned to the Counseling Center by the deadline.
- The applications will be provided to a scholarship selection committee.
- After reviewing the written applications, the selection committee may interview some or all of the candidates.

### **Award Procedure:**

- The scholarship recipient will be announced at graduation.
- Scholarship funds may be used for post-secondary educational expenses, including tuition, books, fees, and room and board. Post-secondary education can include vocational school, trade school, technical school, college, university, community college, junior college, or career school.

### **Scholarship Criteria:**

- James Monroe High School seniors with a GPA of 2.0 or higher may apply.

This scholarship is awarded to a student who

- A. Plans to pursue post-secondary education and a career in a field related to writing, human rights, global sustainability or development, the environment, or peace studies.
- OR
- B. Has made significant contributions to her/his school or local community by demonstrating several of Ceili's attributes (see below).

### **Ceili's Attributes:**

Ceili was an excellent student with a strong commitment to public service. She cared deeply about people, human rights, justice, and the environment. Ceili worked tirelessly to improve the human condition and the natural world. She was a great friend who had the ability to bring out the best in those around her, helping others to see the inherent goodness in them. She led through the passion she showed for her beliefs. She was creative, particularly in writing, and loved to laugh, travel, and learn about other cultures.

At JM, she was president of the Amnesty International and French clubs. At the University of Virginia, Ceili was active with Habitat for Humanity, the Community Garden, and the Outdoors Club. She planned to serve in the Peace Corps and then pursue a career in global sustainability and writing.

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Application**

**Section 1: Student Information**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Section 2: School and Community Activities** – List below your school and community activities.

**Section 3: Honors, Awards, and Achievements** – List below your honors, awards, and achievements.

**Section 4: Essay** – CIRCLE one of the topics below and write up to 500 words on it.

- A. Describe what you have learned from participation in the school and community activities you have listed above in Section 2 and what that means for your future.
- B. Describe your personal ideals and how they shape your goals for the future.