

## JESSICA BETH SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL Scholarship 2024

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The Jessica Beth Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Fund, along with Transplant Foundation and Gift of Life Donor Program, will award up to three \$2,000 scholarships to young transplant recipients who are pursuing higher education.

## **About Jessica**

Jessica was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect just a few days after she was born and by the time she was 14 her heart and body began to slow down. In September of 1994 she received the "gift of life" - a new heart. An avid student and artist, Jessica participated in all kinds of activities as a volunteer with Gift of Life Donor Program. She lived for eight and a half years after transplant, before her health began to fail. She passed away in March of 2003. She was just twenty-three years old. Jessica was in college at the time and was planning a career in Journalism.

The Memorial Scholarship honors Jessica's spirit and drive to continue her education and wishes to support other young transplant recipients in their pursuit of knowledge.

## To qualify for the Jessica Beth Schwartz Memorial Scholarship, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a solid organ transplant recipient
- Be a senior in high school or presently enrolled in a 2 or 4 year college, university, or trade/technical school
- Use the scholarship award for continuing education at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school certificate program during the 2023-2024 academic year
- Reside in the Gift of Life service region (eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, or Delaware)
- Be under 25 years of age
- Cannot have received the Jessica Beth Schwartz Memorial Scholarship in the past

