



For Samantha Foundation Scholarship Information

For Samantha, Inc. is a not for profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



For Samantha Inc. was formed to honor the life of our beloved Samantha Spano who lost her life to suicide in March of 2017. The Foundation's most loving and meaningful intent is to grant scholarships on behalf and in memory of Samantha Spano.

A limited number of scholarships will be presented to graduating high school seniors who exemplify outstanding character, based on the information submitted in this application including character recommendations. Applications will be reviewed and winners will be chosen by the For Samantha Scholarship Team which includes the Board of Directors of For Samantha Inc.

Qualifications are as follows:

- Students must be a United States citizen.
- Students must be a graduating high school senior.
- Student must have been accepted by and plan to attend an institution of higher learning (university, college, community college, trade school) within the United States of America.
- This scholarship is not based on grade point average.

**The 2023 scholarship applications must be received by the Foundation
NO LATER THAN Friday, April 7, 2023.**

The following must be submitted:

1. Scholarship Application completed in its entirety – including the prompt.
2. One letter of recommendation from a school individual on school letterhead.
3. Copy of an acceptance letter to an institution of higher learning (university, college, community college, trade school), even if you have not made a final decision.
4. Release form included in packet.
5. Please **DO NOT** send transcripts or report cards.

****ONLY HARD COPIES OF APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED****

Please MAIL the completed application to:

For Samantha Inc.

PO Box 525

Bolingbrook, IL 60440



For Samantha Foundation Scholarship Application

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IN ITS ENTIRETY. ANY APPLICATION WITH MISSING INFORMATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER MAY BE USED.

DATE: _____ T-SHIRT SIZE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN: _____

SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR TELEPHONE: _____

DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

COLLEGE ACCEPTED TO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

INTENDED MAJOR OF STUDY: _____

COMMUNITY AND/OR OTHER ACTIVITIES YOU ARE INVOLVED IN...OR ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE US TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

*****IN YOUR OWN FORM OF EXPRESSION (i.e. DRAWING, PAINTING, COLLAGE, POEM, SONG, SCULPTURE, PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO, SHORT ESSAY-UNDER 250 WORDS, ETC – SEE FAQ’S FOR DETAILED EXPLANATION) PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PROMPT:**

★ CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE SONG. EXPLAIN WHY IT HAS A SPECIAL MEANING TO YOU. ★

- SONG CHOICE CAN BE A FAMOUS RECORDED SONG OR AN ORIGINAL SONG WRITTEN BY YOU. PLEASE SITE THE NAME OF THE SONG AND SONGWRITER/VOCALIST.
- ORIGINAL COPIES OR ARTWORK CANNOT BE RETURNED. IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING A DRAWING, PAINTING, OR SCULPTURE, PLEASE SEND A PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR WORK.
- IF YOUR ENTRY IS IN A FORM OTHER THAN AN ESSAY, PLEASE INCLUDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR WORK AND HOW IT RELATES TO THE PROMPT.
- IF SUBMITTING A VIDEO, PROVIDE A YOUTUBE LINK.
- ALL WORK MUST BE YOUR OWN!

★ ALTHOUGH WE ACCEPT ESSAYS, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX TO ANSWER THE PROMPT MORE CREATIVELY. SAMANTHA WAS ARTISIC AND LOVED PAINTING, DRAWING AND MUSIC.

MY SUBMISSION IS IN THE FORM OF _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR SIGNATURE: _____



For Samantha Foundation Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

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WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The dollar amount and the number of scholarships vary from year to year depending on the amount raised during the Foundation's annual fundraising event and other donations collected throughout the year. This year each recipient will be granted a **one time, \$1,000 award** to be used at the college, university, or trade school of their choosing. The number of recipients has not been determined.

In addition to the dollar amount, the scholarship recipient(s) will receive

- Two (2) complimentary tickets to the For Samantha Benefit Concert - travel and lodging NOT included. The 2023 benefit, will be held on August 5, 2023 in Merrionette Park, IL.
- A For Samantha T-shirt.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION?

The 2023 scholarship applications must be received by the Foundation by **Friday, April 7, 2023.**

WHY DOES THE FOUNDATION REQUIRE ONLY HARD COPIES OF MY APPLICATION?

For Samantha Inc. is a small foundation. As you can imagine, the cost of printing could become astronomical. We prefer to use our funds to grant more scholarships. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

WHERE DO I SEND MY COMPLETED APPLICATION?

Send your application via US mail to:

**For Samantha Inc.
PO BOX 525
Bolingbrook, IL 60440**

WHEN WILL THE WINNERS BE NOTIFIED?

Reviewing the applications is very time consuming, however, it is the Foundation's goal to announce winners on or about April 18, 2023. Winners will be notified personally by a For Samantha Inc. Board Member. The winner's names will then be posted on the Foundation's website, as well as, social media sites. You may refer to the website for any updated information – www.forsamantha.org. Information will also be posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

WILL YOU NEED MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER? DO I NEED TO PROVIDE IT?

At the time of the application, we DO NOT need your social security number. Should you be chosen as a winner your social security number may be required.

WILL I BE NOTIFIED THAT MY APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED?

The Foundation receives many, many applications so it is not feasible for us to verify if applications have been received. If you have a concern, you can send an inquiry to forsamanthainc@gmail.com.

I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER FROM MY FIRST CHOICE OR I HAVEN'T MADE A FINAL DECISION ON WHAT COLLEGE I PLAN TO ATTEND?

At the time of application, we do not need to know your final choice of college, we just need verification that you have been accepted by and plan to attend an institution of higher learning (university, college, community college, trade school) within the United States of America. We will verify all information provided in the application before awarding the scholarships.

I DO NOT LIVE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. AM STILL ABLE TO APPLY EVEN THOUGH I DO NOT LIVE IN THE AREA? Absolutely! The scholarship application is open to qualifying students regardless of geographical location in the United States. The requirements for the application are included in the instructions.

I AM CURRENTLY NOT A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR. CAN I STILL APPLY?

At the current time, the For Samantha Scholarship is only open to current high school seniors who will be attending a college as a first year Freshman in the Fall.

HOW DO I COMPLETE THE PROMPT? WHAT IS MY OWN FORM OF EXPRESSION?

We understand answering an essay question is not always for everyone. **Please, try to think out of the box to answer more creatively.** Our own Samantha loved to draw and paint. Please choose any expression to convey your interpretation of the prompt: "Choose your favorite song. Explain why it has special meaning to you." Some examples of forms of expression include, but are not limited to:

Drawing, Video, Collage, Photography, Painting, Poem, Song, Sculpture, essay – less than 250 words.

If you are questioning your decision, you may email the Foundation for clarification and/or approval - forsamanthainc@gmail.com. Original copies of artwork CANNOT be returned. If you are submitting a drawing, painting, or sculpture, please send a photograph of your work. If you are submitting a video, provide a YouTube link. If your entry is in a form other than an essay, include a brief description of your work and how it relates to the prompt. All work must be your own!

IS THIS SCHOLARSHIP ONLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY SUICIDE?

Absolutely NOT! Whether or not you have been affected by suicide, will not be a determining factor in the scholarship selection process.

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST:

- ___ Scholarship Application completed in its entirety.
- ___ The answered prompt in your own form of expression.
- ___ One letter of recommendation from a school individual on school letterhead.
- ___ Copy of acceptance letter from an institution of higher learning (university, college, community college, trade school), even if you have not made a final decision.
- ___ Release form.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND TRANSCRIPTS OR REPORT CARDS.

THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT BASED ON GRADE POINT AVERAGE.

If you have a question, not answered above, feel free to email the Foundation at:

forsamanthainc@gmail.com

Samantha's family, friends and the For Samantha Foundation thank you for completing this Scholarship Application! Best of luck to everyone!



For Samantha Foundation Scholarship Release Form

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Minor Photograph and Submitted Attachments Release Form

By submitting a scholarship application, I hereby grant the For Samantha Inc. (Foundation) the absolute and irrevocable right and permission, with respect to the application and the submitted materials and any and all photographic or video images that the Foundation has received, taken, will receive, or will take under such engagement:

- (a) To use, re-use, publish and/or republish the same in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs or video images, in any medium and for any purposes whatsoever, including without limitation, in photographic, video illustration, promotion, advertising, education, trade materials, and electronic communications including the internet;
- (b) To change or alter the photographs or video images, or to use such photographs or video images in conjunction with any printed matter; and
- (c) To copyright or claim copyright protection of the same in the Foundation's own name or any other name the Foundation may choose. On behalf of the minor, and his or her heirs, parents, guardians, executors, agents, attorneys and assigns, I hereby release and discharge forever and irrevocably the Foundation and any of its agents, employees, successors, affiliates and assigns, of and from any and all claims, demands and causes of action, whether known or unknown, arising out of or in connection with the use of such photographic or video images, including but not limited to any and all claims for reimbursement, defamation, invasion of privacy, or violation of any statute or common law. Without limitation on this general release, I hereby release the foregoing from any liability by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of the photographs or images or in any subsequent processing or publication thereof.

This Authorization and Release shall inure to the benefit of any legal representatives, licensees, and assigns of the Foundation, as well as the persons or entities for which the Foundation took the photographs or images. I hereby warrant that I am the parent or lawful guardian of the minor identified below and that I am competent to enter this Release and Authorization. Furthermore, I state that I have read this Authorization and Release prior to its execution, that I am fully familiar with the contents thereof, and that I have signed this Authorization and Release freely.

Name of Minor (please print): _____

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____