

The Joseph Lillo Memorial Scholarship

2011-2012 Application Materials

Scholarship Description

The Joseph Lillo Memorial Scholarship was developed in loving memory of Joseph Lillo, a baby who lost his battle with Spinal Muscular Atrophy in 2007. **Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)** is a motor neuron disease. The motor neurons control the voluntary muscles that are used for activities such as crawling, walking, head and neck control, and swallowing. The loss of motor neurons results in muscle weakness and atrophy. SMA is a relatively common "rare disorder": approximately 1 in 6000 babies born are affected, and about 1 in 40 people are genetic carriers.

The Joseph Lillo Spinal Muscular Atrophy Foundation for Children ("Lillo's Lullaby") is committed to raising awareness, as well as resources for research and medical equipment for affected families. This scholarship has been developed to support the education of high school seniors who are committed to improving the lives of children, as well as adults, through entry into medical or health related professions.

What is the Eligibility Criteria?

The award recipient for the Joseph Lillo Memorial Scholarship for the 2011-2012 year will:

1. Be a Bayonne resident in their Senior year of high school
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Plan on attending a full time accredited institution of higher education
4. Plan on pursuing a degree in the medical or health related fields

What is the Application Process?

All required information and completed applications must be submitted to the scholarship committee no later than **February 1, 2012**. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. The following information should be provided:

- One original and one copy of the completed application,
- Three letters of recommendation (one high school teacher, one high school administrator, one community member)
- One original and one copy of the essay
- Official high school transcripts, sealed

How is the Scholarship Awarded?

All applications are distributed on October 1, 2011. Once applications are received, the Joseph Lillo Memorial Scholarship Committee will review packets for their completeness. Any applications that do not include the application form, letters of recommendation and essay will not be considered for the scholarship. All completed packets will be reviewed by the Joseph Lillo Memorial Scholarship Committee. The recipient of the award will be announced in May of 2012. A formal letter will be sent to the recipient and an invitation to the awards luncheon will be included. The recipient and two guests will be invited to attend the luncheon and will be awarded the \$2,500 scholarship. The recipient of the award will also be interviewed by the committee to gather information for a write up to appear in the Bayonne Community Newspaper and Lillo's Lullaby website.

Where do I send my Application Packet?

Please send your application, recommendation letters, and personal essay to the following:
P.O. Box 774
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

Thank you for applying for the Joseph Lillo Memorial Scholarship. We wish you the best of luck and success in your future academic endeavors.

The Joseph Lillo Foundation for Children
Visit us at: <http://lilloslullaby.org/>



Joseph Lillo Memorial Scholarship Fund Application

All requested information must be submitted no later than February 1, 2012.
Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
Please type or print all information.

PART 1: Applicant Information

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Address: _____

(City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address _____

PART 2: Education

Name of High School Currently Attending: _____

High School Address: _____

High School Phone Number: _____

Guidance Counselor's Name: _____

Guidance Counselor's Phone: _____

Guidance Counselor's Email: _____

PART 3: Higher Education

List all colleges/universities you have applied to.

_____	_____	_____	_____
(Name of Institution)	(Accepted)	(Rejected)	(Pending)

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(Name of Institution)	(Accepted)	(Rejected)	(Pending)

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(Name of Institution)	(Accepted)	(Rejected)	(Pending)

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(Name of Institution)	(Accepted)	(Rejected)	(Pending)

Intended Major(s):

PART 4: Recognitions

Use the space below to describe any honors, awards or recognitions you have received during high school.

PART 5: Activities

Use the space below to describe school activities, leadership positions, and any extracurricular activities you currently participate in or have participated in at the past.

PART 6: Volunteer Work/Community Services

Use the space below to describe any volunteer work or community service you participate in. Provide the names and addresses of contacts for these activities.

Joseph Lillo Memorial Scholarship Fund Essay

Please use the space below to complete your essay. You can also attach an additional page if you require more space. Address the following areas in your essay:

- (1) This scholarship is in loving memory of a child who lost his battle with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). Explain why it is important to raise awareness for a disease such as this and others like it.
- (2) Describe why you would like to enter a medical or health related profession.
- (3) How would this scholarship fund help you in pursuing your higher education?