



## The Mary Guerrieri Bertolini Scholarship

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Mary Guerrieri Bertolini, a graduate of Resurrection College Prep High School class of 1978. Mary, at the age of 45, died on October 3, 2005 after a valiant and courageous nineteen month battle with ovarian cancer. Mary hoped and prayed for a cure to this deadly disease and although she did not live to see a cure; hopefully there will soon be one.

Mary had the ability to find the positive side of any situation. She was upbeat and always put other people before herself. In school, Mary struggled with dyslexia at a time when little was known about this learning disability. Mary faced every difficult situation with a positive attitude of grace and courage whether it was her learning disability, a debilitating disease, or helping others through the challenges in their lives. The Mary Guerrieri Bertolini Scholarship was established by Mary's family in memory of the remarkable woman she was: her magnanimous personality, her strength, her wonderful sense of humor, spirit of volunteerism, her determination, and her love of life.

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

1. Be a current freshman, sophomore or junior student in good standing at Resurrection College Prep High School *and* enrolled for the following school year. The scholarship will be applied toward the following year's tuition.
2. Demonstrate financial need.\*
3. Have overcome or be facing a challenging situation in her life and doing so with grace, courage, and maintaining a sense of humor.
4. Emulate the qualities Mary Guerrieri Bertolini possessed: think positive, display perseverance, have a magnanimous personality, put the feelings of others first, display a good sense of humor, be upbeat and demonstrate a willingness to help others.

\* Need will be assessed by the FACTS Student Financial Aid Form – This form must be completed and submitted prior to consideration for this scholarship.

- ✓ The Mary Guerrieri Bertolini Scholarship is a \$1,000 one-time award.
- ✓ Two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each year.
- ✓ Current freshman, sophomore and junior students will be considered eligible for this award given for the following school year.
- ✓ Application and essay are required for this scholarship.
- ✓ Scholarship will be forfeited if recipient does not complete the academic year for which it is awarded.

### Application Attached

**Applications must be returned no later than January 8, 2019.  
Award will be presented at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.**



## The Mary Guerrieri Bertolini Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any Italian heritage in your family? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no (Answering this will not affect your opportunity to receive this scholarship.)

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

*To be eligible for this scholarship, you must also complete and return the FACTS Student Financial Aid Form.*

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**On a separate sheet of paper, write a brief essay (1-2 typed pages double spaced) on the following topics.**

1. Describe the type of adversity you face(d) in your life and how you emulate(d) Mary's characteristics during this challenge. (Adversity may include, but is not limited to overcoming a physical hardship, chronic or life-threatening illness, an academic learning disability, family crisis, or a loss of a parent)
2. What strength do you draw from facing adversity and how does this affect your life?

**We declare the information reported in this application is true, correct and complete:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

**Completed applications are due by January 8, 2019.**

Please submit completed application (with attached essays) to:

Resurrection College Prep High School

Alisa Martorano

7500 West Talcott Avenue

Chicago, IL 60631

For more information, call Alisa Martorano at 773-775-6616, Ext. 142.