

Kimberly Young Memorial Scholarship



Kimberly Young was a wife, mother, daughter, and friend to many in the Mars Community. Kimberly graduated from Pine Richland High School and went on to Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she graduated with a degree in special education. Kimberly was very active in the Mars community where she was often found at Mars Library events. She also loved volunteering at the Mars Elementary Schools, where her daughters attended. Kimberly went on to teach Pre-kindergarten at Precious People in Mars. Kimberly truly had a heart for children, and a desire to help every single child reach their full potential.

Kimberly was a bright light of a person who brought kindness, positivity, and hugs to everyone she met. She always had a smile on her face and was willing to help anyone in need. She continually saw the best in people and could find the positive in any situation. Kimberly always put her family first. Some of her favorite activities included singing and dancing by a campfire in her backyard, with the love of her life Justin, and her two daughters Madison and Kendall. Her daughters were the center of her world. The hope of this scholarship is to pass on Kimberly's legacy of positivity to the next generation. This scholarship is funded by Kimberly's husband Justin, and her many friends in the Mars Community.

Purpose:

To provide a female college bound Mars Area School District Senior with a \$1,500.00 non-renewable scholarship to help defray costs of the first year post-secondary education. The scholarship will be paid to the school of the recipient.

Criteria:

Students must meet the following criteria to apply:

- No *GPA* requirement. Kimberly never believed that grades were a true representation of a student.
- Be pursuing a degree at a four-year accredited college in education, specifically special education as Kimberly truly had a heart for helping children who struggled to learn. Applicants will be considered who are attending school to pursue any type of teaching career (Pre-k through 12th grade).
- Submit a letter of recommendation from any teacher or coach describing the student as a positive influence.
- Submit a copy of her letter(s) of acceptance to a four-year college.
- Submit an essay explaining how the recipient plans to be a positive influence in their future career as well as ways they will continue a legacy of kindness.

Submission of Application:

- Applications are to be submitted to the Mars Area School District High School Guidance Office.
- Scholarships will be formally awarded at the Mars Area High School Academic Excellence and Awards Banquet.

Submitted applications and essays for the award will be anonymously reviewed by the following members of the selection committee:

- Justin Young
- Megan Lenz

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please contact the Mars Area School District Senior High School Guidance Counselor. Best of luck!