

**The Michael A. Corea Memorial Scholarship
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Transplant Recipients International Organization
Greater Cleveland Chapter**

The Michael Corea Memorial Scholarship honors a liver recipient and organ donor. Mike was born with Biliary Artesia, a rare degenerative liver disease causing him to become a liver recipient at thirteen. Mike lived each day to its fullest, taking nothing for granted, and was not afraid to fail. One of Mike's goals was to graduate from The Ohio State University. On June 5, 2006, Mike was in a terrible accident in Columbus, when a car hit his motorcycle. His scheduled graduation day was June 11, 2006. Representatives from OSU presented Mike with his diploma in his hospital room, allowing him to die an OSU graduate. He was able to be an organ donor so someone else could live: heart, lungs, eyes, skin, tendons, ligaments, and long bones. He would have attended Capital University for law school in the fall of 2006. Mike's sister Jessica states "Mike made a difference in many people's lives as a fighter who inspired others to believe that tomorrow will be a better day."

TRIO Greater Cleveland Chapter serves northeast Ohio and is committed to improving the quality of life of transplant candidates, recipients, their families, living related donors, and the families of organ and tissue donors. TRIO serves its members through awareness, support, education, and advocacy.

2011 Scholarship Application

At least one \$1,000 Michael Corea Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving transplant candidate, recipient, or living donor. The Scholarship Committee will announce their selection as applications are submitted.

The scholarship requires the following for eligibility:

Applicant must:

- be an Ohio resident;
- be an organ/tissue candidate, recipient, or living donor;
- have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better;
- provide a recent transcript;
- demonstrate financial need;
- furnish a statement of educational goals and objectives (not more than 300 words);
- submit a statement describing how transplantation influences his/her life (250-300 words);
- submit 3 letters of recommendation (not family members);
- provide a copy of the acceptance letter to an accredited college, university, or trade/technical certificate program, (if an incoming freshman OR returning adult student);
- use Scholarship Award for continuing education at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school certificate program. (The award will be sent directly to the institution in the student's name); and
- not be a previous scholarship recipient of the Michael Corea Memorial Scholarship.

Application Submission

Please submit completed application and related materials (use paperclips, no staples) to:

**Michael A. Corea /TRIO-Greater Cleveland Chapter Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 93163
Cleveland, Ohio 44101-5163**