



## Jo Ann Ostrander "Spirit of the Volunteer" Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Jo Ann Ostrander and honors students who provide several hundred hours of volunteer service annually. Jo Ann Ostrander fought three separate battles with cancer and passed away in 2002 at the age of 56. During her lifetime, she inspired countless groups of people to volunteer and give back to their community. Jo Ann continued to volunteer for a myriad of organizations despite her ailing health. Volunteering meant so much to Jo Ann, that she still managed to volunteer at events just a few weeks before her passing. God, Family and Community were the hallmarks of Jo Ann's life and this scholarship is intended to honor those who embrace volunteerism in their daily lives.

The Ostrander Scholar Society's Board of Directors will ascertain the monetary amount that shall be given.

This scholarship was created with the thought in mind, that it ought to be a valiant yet worthy honor to procure, rather than just for its monetary value.

## Jo Ann Ostrander "Spirit of the Volunteer" Memorial Scholarship Information and Instructions

You must meet the following criteria to apply:

\*\*Must be a high school senior OR college student under the age of 28.

\*\*Must complete 100 hours of volunteer service in the previous 12 months OR 250 volunteer hours in the previous two years. Completed hours must be verifiable.

\*\*Scholarship recipients must be attending a college/university that is fully accredited and be actively seeking either an associates, bachelors or masters degree.

1. **You must attach one or two letters of recommendation with your application.**
2. **You must attach documentation to prove hours served.** For example, if you volunteered for a non-profit organization, we would need a letter from an official representative on letterhead that states how many hours you served, with timeframes.
3. **You must also attach/submit an essay of at least 500 words.** The essay needs to focus on this theme: "Volunteerism: How does volunteerism affect the volunteer and how does volunteerism affect those you're serving?"

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please refer to the *Frequently Asked Questions* page. If you have any additional questions, you may submit an email to: [OstranderScholarSociety@gmail.com](mailto:OstranderScholarSociety@gmail.com) or call 817-350-0199. Good Luck!

## **How to Submit Your Scholarship Application to Ostrander Scholar Society**

You May Submit Your Application:

1. Electronically. Your application and required attachments may be scanned and emailed directly to us at: [OstranderScholarSociety@gmail.com](mailto:OstranderScholarSociety@gmail.com). Applications must be received by 11:59pm PST on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We are not responsible for any email submissions not received, regardless of reason. You are welcome to request confirmation of application received.

If you're not able to submit via email, please contact us for further assistance. Thank you.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) Q. What is the Ostrander Scholar Society and how are they involved with the scholarship?
  - A. The Ostrander Scholar Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that formed for the purposes of providing collegiate scholarships.
  
- 2) Q. Will you accept my application if I send it after the deadline?
  - A. In order for your application to be considered after the deadline, you must send us a written and signed request for a deadline extension. We must receive your written and signed request before the June 30th deadline. The Board of Directors will review your request and determine if sufficient reasons exist to grant an extension. The Board reserves the right to determine what circumstances constitute reason for granting a deadline extension.
  
- 3) Q. Am I required to submit a high school and/or college transcript with my application?
  - A. No. This is a merit-based scholarship. Selection is based on overall volunteer service.
  
- 4) Q. Do I have to be under the age of 28 when the scholarship is awarded (August 1st)?
  - A. You must be under the age of 28 when the scholarship is awarded to you; the Board of Directors selects recipients by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

# Jo Ann Ostrander "Spirit of the Volunteer" Memorial Scholarship Application

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Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Community Activities, Responsibilities and Honors**

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**Religious Activities, Responsibilities and Honors (if applicable)**

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**School Activities, Responsibilities and Honors**

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**Special Recognition Received**

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**Hobbies**

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**How Did You Hear About Our Scholarship?**

- Online Google/Internet Search
- Our Website
- Facebook
- Friend/Word of Mouth
- Event Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_
- Flyer or Mailer
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**References** (Please provide three (3) references.) Be sure to include the person's name, address, phone number and email. References cannot be related to you!

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