



2008 Brendan Hession Foundation Scholarship

\$2,500 Educational Assistance Award to a Meningitis Survivor

The Brendan Hession Foundation Scholarship is given in memory of Brendan James Hession who died on March 17, 1997 of bacterial meningitis. He was seventeen years old. Brendan loved life, learning, music, making people laugh, and just being Brendan. He was a bright and gifted student who, at the time of his death, had qualified as a National Merit semi-finalist.

Meningitis killed Brendan in sixteen hours, but other young people have survived this terrible disease. Many, however, are left to face life with crippling disabilities. Yet face life they do, with determination and courage.

Brendan never had the chance to achieve his academic goals, but the Brendan Hession Foundation would like to assist other students – those who have survived meningitis – reach theirs.

The 2008 scholarship recipient must meet the following criteria:

- Be a meningitis survivor
- Be in pursuit of a secondary education at an accredited college, university, technical, or vocational school
- Be a student in good standing at their current educational institution
- Be in need of financial assistance

Submit the scholarship application postmarked by **Monday, June 16, 2008** to:

Jane King Hession
The Brendan Hession Foundation
10 Franklin Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

The Brendan Hession Foundation Board will review applications and select a recipient by **July 1, 2008**.



2008 Brendan Hession Foundation Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Address: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

High School: _____

Address: _____

Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____

College/University/Technical/Vocational School you will be attending: _____

Address: _____

Major/Area of Interest: _____

What need do you have for this scholarship? _____

What are your educational goals? _____

Essay:

Please answer the following questions in a one-page essay (attach sheet)

How has meningitis changed your life?

What are your greatest challenges as a meningitis survivor?

(Please also briefly describe your experience with meningitis. When did you contract the disease?

How old were you? How long were you hospitalized/in rehabilitation?)

Thank you for your interest in the Brendan Hession Foundation Scholarship