2021 Nancy DiGrezio Memorial Scholarship

The Nancy DiGrezio Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior who lives or attends school within the YWCA Greater Newburyport’s service area and is a leader for social justice among their peers; whose actions exemplify tolerance and understanding of differences; and who, by example, empowers other students to respond to acts of intolerance and discrimination.

Instructions
Your completed application (essays and completed cover sheet) must be received by 5 pm Thursday March 4th, 2021 at the following address. Late applications will not be processed. Please return applications to:

YWCA Greater Newburyport
13 Market Street
Newburyport MA 01950
Attention: Nancy DiGrezio Memorial Scholarship

Applications may also be returned via email. Please send to Bridget Goerke at bgoerke@ywcanewburyport.org

Essays
With this scholarship we are seeking to recognize a student who has promoted social justice and tolerance of differences. Keep this in mind as you answer the essay questions. Tailor your answer to each question. This is your chance to share what you stand for and have accomplished.

Each essay must be:
• typed, double-spaced,
• 250-400 words in length,
• formatted to fit on one side of a page,
• and include both your name and page number in either the header or footer

Essay One
How have your actions promoted social justice and understanding of differences among your peers? How have you empowered other students to respond to acts of intolerance and discrimination? Please explain citing very specific actions that you have taken.

Essay Two
What experiences in your life have shaped your commitment to tolerance and understanding of differences? Is there a person who influenced you or served as a role model for social justice? Was there a particular event that changed how you look at the world? Or a book that you found particularly inspiring? Describe this influence and how it affected you.

Essay Three
What three things do you hope to accomplish in your life and why?

Thank you for your interest in the Nancy DiGrezio Memorial Scholarship. Nancy Digrezio was a caring passionate woman who championed social justice issues in the Greater Newburyport area. In recognition of her impact on our community, Nancy’s husband Jim Miller established the Nancy DiGrezio Memorial Scholarship.
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Application Cover Sheet

Name: __________________________________________________

Street Address: _____________________________________________

City/Town: __________________________ State: _____ Zip: ________

Telephone: __________________________ e-mail: ________________

Current School: ____________________________________________

Guidance Counselor: _______________________ e-mail: ____________

Activities & Interests Outside of the Classroom: (Top Three)

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Signature of Applicant: ____________________________ Date ______

Send this page to the YWCA Greater Newburyport by the due date along with:

▪  three essays.

▪  a signed letter of support, specific to the goals of the scholarship, written by a person of your choice who is not related to you (guidance counselor, teacher, minister, friend, etc.) This letter should explain how you satisfy the criteria for the scholarship. Do not use a generic college recommendation.

▪  a list of your extracurricular high school and community activities and honors.

For questions and additional information, please contact:

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