

Rachel Leilani Gangwes Scholarship \$1,000.00

Qualifications:

- 1. Must be a resident of the Big Island of Hawaii
- 2. Must be a Senior at a Big Island High School
- 3. Must already be enrolled in a 4-year undergraduate program or be enrolling for the upcoming fall semester
- 4. No Minimum GPA Required

Deadline:

Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2018. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications early, so if any needed material is missing it can be corrected before deadline.

Presentation:

Scholarships will be given to applicants in person and money will be disbursed to the enrolled university by July 15, 2018.

Judging:

Each essay will be read and rated on a 1-5 scale, judged on style, structure and content. The winner will be announced no later than July 15, 2018 and Scholarship will be disbursed to the enrolled University's Financial Aid Office.

Aloha!

This scholarship is dedicated to my sister, Rachel Leilani Gangwes. She blessed us with 18 years of love and joy and passed away at an age that for most of us feels like just the beginning. However for her this was an amazing achievement, as most children born with Edwards Syndrome (Trisomy 18) don't live longer than their first birthday. Through her we grew up with the knowledge that everyday is a gift we are given and that we must do our best to uplift those around us through our words and our actions.

The theme of this scholarship is "Mohala", which means to bloom, to shine forth and to develop; like a flower, an idea or as a teen moving forward into adulthood. As graduating seniors of High School and students who are continuing on to higher education we want to encourage you to look at the issues in your community and help you to start thinking of ways that you can help to improve where you come from and uplift those around you. As you go out into the world and start off on your own two feet as adults, it is important for you to remember where you come from and how one day your goals and dreams will reflect and contribute to the community you once grew up in. Good luck and Mahalo for applying. Best wishes in your endeavors!

Kealani Gangwes

| I. Personal Information | |
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| First Name: | |
| Last Name: | |
| Address: | |
| City: | |
| Zip: | _ |
| Home Phone: | |
| Email: | _ |
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| II. Educational Information | |
| High School: | |
| GPA: | Graduating High School Date: |
| School you will be attending: | |
| Contact of Financial Aid Officer | at College/University: |
| III. Extracurricular Activities (and responsibilities involved) 1 2 | |
| 3IV. Career Goal: | |
| IV. Instructions | to Keaukaha General Store or Email to: |

Essay Question:

Describe the community you are from.

If there is one positive change that you could make, what would it be and why?