

Hannah Fitton Living Your Dreams Scholarship

Hannah Fitton has chosen to be defined by what she has achieved and not to be defined by the limitations of her hearing and eyesight. A graduate of Appleton North High School, Hannah was diagnosed at an early age with Usher Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that results in hearing loss and visual impairment. Recognizing the uncertainty of Usher Syndrome, Hannah endeavors to live in the moment and inspire others to pursue their dreams to the fullest.

Hannah relentlessly pursued her passions of music and swimming. She played cello in both her high school and college orchestras. Swimming in high school and college led her to represent Great Britain at the Deaflympics and Deaf World Championships, becoming a multi medalist at both events. Hannah has also coached both Special Olympics and YMCA swim teams.



In 2014 Hannah graduated *magna cum laude* from Colgate University with a major in Sociology & Anthropology and a minor in Rhetoric. After graduation she moved to Chicago and is employed as a Market Research Analyst.

Like many people living with a disability Hannah has become an “everyday innovator,” determined to find solutions to problems that will allow her to unleash her full potential to be able to realize her dreams. The solutions haven’t always worked the first time, but living her dream has given her the courage to keep trying until she finds the best solution.

As a high school senior, Hannah was awarded the Margaret Ferris Scholarship for Hard of Hearing Students to support her educational goals. She established the *Hannah Fitton Living Your Dreams Scholarship* to give back to her home community and to encourage students with disabilities to live their dreams.

Eligibility:

Graduating senior from a public high school in Appleton, Neenah, Menasha, Kimberly and Kaukauna who has a physical disability and is planning to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited college, university or technical college.

Award:

One non-renewable award of \$513 for tuition expenses.

Selection:

Recipients are selected each spring by the Community Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee.

Payment Procedure:

Scholarship payments will be released after submission of the following to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region: completed scholarship verification form (located at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships) and verification of full time student status (class schedule with credits listed). After approval of submitted documentation, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will attend during the first semester of the freshman year of college. This scholarship cannot be deferred. Most communications between the Community Foundation and the student will be via email. *Please keep us advised of your current email address.*

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a full time student for the first semester of the freshman year of college.

Further Information:

For more information regarding this and other scholarships or to obtain scholarship forms please visit the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region’s website at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships or contact us at scholarships@cffoxvalley.org or call 920-702-7619.