

## **Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Scholarships**

### **Why can't I qualify for the scholarship if my GPA is 3.75 or higher?**

Ashley's GPA was a 3.55, and she was ranked in the *upper third* of her graduating class of over 400 seniors. Ashley qualified for very few scholarships; yet, she worked a part time job (swim instructor); was involved in many school activities (Students-Helping-Students among others) and participated in sports (Captain of the gymnastics team/volleyball). She was an extremely well rounded young lady. At the senior awards ceremony, she commented to her Father, "Dad, unless I am a 3.75 or higher, there is no way I can qualify for a scholarship. Every scholarship out there is for those kids with higher GPA's."

Those words were fresh in her parents mind when they set up the scholarship program the night of her death, five days prior to her graduation. They set the requirements to reflect Ashley's GPA, her work ethic, her desire to help other students, and her concern for the abuse of alcohol that she witnessed while in school. No exceptions are made the GPA requirement.

### **How do I receive payment?**

Winners will be notified with a phone call from the Easterbrooks. They will receive a letter giving detailed instructions on what they have to submit to the Scholarship Fund once they get on campus. Once the information is received, a check is then sent to the student at the school address (or home address if desired). The check is made out to the school and to the student. If the scholarship is over more than one year, the process is duplicated the following year(s).

### **Can I qualify if I attend school outside of the United States?**

U.S. Residents attending school outside the United States (i.e. children of government employees) do qualify if they plan on attending a University here in the States.

### **What if I can't submit the paperwork by the deadline as my school is closed the week prior for vacation?**

The deadline can not be extended for any reason, as it wouldn't be fair to all applicants. Plan ahead, don't wait for the last minute to ask your school for the transcripts and/or letter of recommendation.