

**CHRISTI THOMAS \$1,000 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**SENECA EAST AWARD APPLICATION**

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In her nine short years, Christi Thomas repeatedly demonstrated a thirst for knowledge and a love for learning. In her memory, the Christi Thomas Memorial Fund was established to facilitate her desire to help others and to leave a lasting legacy. Although disease and the required travel for cancer treatments would ravage her body and take her away from home, school, friends, pets and toys, it could never take away her rich experiences, captivating books, yearning to discover more and desire to do good deeds. Despite four years of treatments, Christi was in school whenever her health permitted and was happy to be there. Remarkably, to the amazement of those around her, she never ceased to find comfort and joy in learning and reading. The Christi Thomas Scholarship will allow others from Seneca East to continue their love of education.



**CRITERIA**

The applicant must be a graduating Seneca East Senior attending an institution of higher education in the fall.

**SUBMISSION**

This **AWARD APPLICATION**, **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** and **ESSAY** must be typed in Microsoft Word using 12 pt. Times New Roman Font and submitted electronically, by the due date May 12<sup>th</sup> (Christi's birthday) to: [Scholarship@ChristiThomas.org](mailto:Scholarship@ChristiThomas.org). Once submitted, you will receive a confirmation email back informing you that the Scholarship Committee has received your email. Please ensure your application is complete before submission as incomplete applications will not be considered.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

**PURSUIT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Yes, I am currently accepted/enrolled at a college/university and will be taking classes this fall.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_ What will be your major? \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITIES/HOBBIES/INTERESTS**

Describe/list the activities in which you participate and your hobbies / interests or any work experience you wish to share. Limit yourself to the lines listed below.

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Why are you the right choice for the Christi Thomas Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

Anything else the committee should know about you? \_\_\_\_\_

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Request two people, familiar with your educational career and your personal background, to submit letters of recommendation. The letters (written in Microsoft Word) must be emailed from the writers by the May 12<sup>th</sup> deadline. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure these letters are received by the Scholarship Committee. The recommendation must not exceed 500 words and describe why the applicant should receive this scholarship in Christi's memory. (Recommendations can be written by: teachers, advisors, fellow students, clergy, etc.).

| REFERENCE ONE                  | REFERENCE TWO                  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name _____                     | Name _____                     |
| Address _____                  | Address _____                  |
| E-mail _____                   | E-mail _____                   |
| Phone (____) _____ Title _____ | Phone (____) _____ Title _____ |

**SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY**

In the spirit of Christi, the applicant must write an essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, telling how they embrace a love of learning and helping others. This is to be submitted electronically to [Scholarship@ChristiThomas.org](mailto:Scholarship@ChristiThomas.org).

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of five individuals, will read, review, reflect and discuss all applications, essays and letters of recommendation. Their decision will be based upon how well the applicant represents Christi's spirit through the quality of the essay, letters of recommendation and application questions.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE USE ONLY**