

Mattawan Public Education Foundation  
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Taylor E. Grainger Memorial Scholarship  
\$750

Taylor Grainger passed away on May 15, 2007, at age 14 after a life-long battle with a congenital heart defect. Taylor had a kind soul and a loving heart. Taylor always enjoyed being around people. She applied her ever-present creativity and imagination to everything she did. Taylor considered many careers, but choices that centered on working with children or involved helping others were at the top of her list. No matter what her eventual choice might have been, she would have done it with extreme effort and a smile on her face.

The Taylor E. Grainger scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior of Mattawan High School who has demonstrated and pursued an interest in the service of others by way of volunteering in the community or by working children with or without special needs. Examples of this service to others may include but is not limited to: Habitat for Humanity, food drives, elderly assistance programs, church mission trips, working at specialty camps, etc. The scholarship is intended to assist graduating seniors in pursuit of a college education particularly in the fields of education, medicine or social work. Graduating senior must have at least a 3.2 grade point average to apply.

**Scholarship/Essay Criteria:**

- Highlight the community service activities in which you have been involved during your high school years. These may include any school, community and church projects or membership in any organization that has the goal of service to benefit other people or groups of people.
- Your reflection on the experiences and what you have learned.
- Your thoughts on why you deserve this scholarship.
- Your college course of study.
- Please indicate academic grade point (must be at least 3.2 ).

**How to Apply:**

Create your application packet using the four-step format below. No handwritten applications will be accepted. Submit four copies of all pages of your application, blacking out your name everywhere it appears on reference forms and letters. Your application will not be accepted without all four copies (the high school office cannot make copies).

**Application Format** (Complete all four steps and then make four copies of the application packet):

1. Cover Sheet

- Type the **Name of the Scholarship** for which you are applying
- Type the **Last four digits of your Social Security Number** (NO NAME please as a blind process is used. Attach a sticky note with your name to the finished scholarship application so that the high school office secretary can log in your scholarship application.)
- Type your **Date of Birth**
- Type the **College or University you plan to attend**
- Type your **Major or Course of Study**
- Copy the **Scholarship/Essay Criteria** exactly as listed above

2. Essay

On a separate sheet, type your essay according to the specific scholarship criteria listed on your cover sheet.

- Use 12 pt. font
- Double space
- Two page maximum
- Be sure to include the last four digits of your social security number in upper right hand corner of each page.
- A title for your essay should be centered at the top of the first page.

3. Letters of Recommendation

- Enclose one character reference from someone outside your family, such as a group leader, advisor, coach, pastor, employer, etc. Please include his or her address and phone number on each letter.
- Ask one teacher to fill out the MPEF recommendation form provided on the school website. The teacher will send this form directly to the office. It will not be included in the packet of materials you submit, but will be added to your packet by one of the office staff. This recommendation form is specific to this scholarship application, as we cannot accept a letter the teacher may have written for you for another purpose (i.e., a reference letter from a teacher to be used for college admission).

4. Submit Four Copies of your Application Packet

- Make four copies of your application packet and submit them to the high school office.
- Make sure to black out your name everywhere it appears on reference forms and letters.
- Your application packet will not be accepted without all four copies. The high school office cannot make copies.