

Tara Owen Scholarship

A scholarship fund has been established at the University of Montevallo in loving memory of Tara Owen, who lost her life on October 24, 2001, after a long, courageous battle with cystic fibrosis. Tara, a 1996 UM graduate, often said she had "learned to treasure life, the people I've been fortunate enough to have in my life and to be patient with my body. When people first realize I have cystic fibrosis, they think my disease makes me different. When they get to know me, they realize my spirit differentiates me from anyone else."

In that spirit, a scholarship fund has been established to honor Tara Owen's memory in perpetuity.

The Tara Owen Scholarship Committee is pleased that you are interested in obtaining one of its scholarships for the University of Montevallo. The completed application form must be returned to the Shelby County High School counselor no later than May 1, 2020, together with:

1. A personal letter from you introducing yourself to us;
2. Two letters of recommendation, preferably from teachers or an adult friend;
3. Qualifications are the following:
 - Senior who will attend University of Montevallo
 - Student must have a 3.0 GPA or above
 - Student who has overcome or dealt with a major difficulty in life

The Tara Owen Scholarship funds shall be used for tuition, fees, or college-sponsored room and board only. The recipient shall be announced at the Shelby County High School Senior Night.

Please complete the following information completely and return to the counselor by May 1, 2020.

I. Name Miss/ Mr. _____
First *Middle* *Last*

Name you prefer to be called _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Mobile Telephone _____

Birthdate _____

II. About your family

Parents' Names: _____

Number of siblings: _____ Number in College: _____

Brothers and Sisters:

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> | <i>School</i> | <i>Grade</i> | <i>Scholarship if any</i> |
|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|
|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|

III. Academic Record

GPA _____ Verification by Counselor: _____

List classes taken during Senior year:

IV. List school organizations/activities in which you have participated. Indicate any elected office held:

List awards, honors, scholastic achievements:

V. Community/Volunteer Activities

List community organization or activities in which you have participated. Indicate any office held:

List hobbies or sports in which you participate:

VI. Work Experiences

List jobs you have held and date of employment:

VII. Career Plans

What is your career goal? (Be specific.)

VIII. Have you been accepted to University of Montevallo? Yes No

Have you received any other scholarships? If so, list scholarships and how much?

IX. Financial Information

Income information (annual income of parents or guardian): Circle one.

0 - \$25,000 \$25,000 - \$50,000 \$50,000 - \$100,000 over \$100,000

Do you qualify for financial aid? How much? _____

Do you have a financial need for this scholarship? If so, explain in space below:

Write a paragraph about a person who has made a difference in your life.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____