

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 March 1, 2022 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. Please complete the following information completely and return to Mrs. Keahey by March 1, 2022.

1. Name Miss/Mr. _____
 First Middle Last
 Name you prefer to be called _____
 Home Address _____
 Home Telephone _____ Mobile _____ Birthdate _____

II. About your family

Parents Name: _____

Number of siblings: _____ Number in College: _____

Brothers and Sisters:

Name	Age	School	Grade	Scholarship if any

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 you participate in _____

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: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____