



The Somerville Elks Lodge #1068 announces a call for candidates to apply for the \$2,000 "Somerville Elks/Catherine Guerrero Memorial Scholarship" for students who are dealing with physical or cognitive challenges.

Applicants should be graduating high school seniors who will begin their studies at an accredited college, university or technical school in the fall of 2021. Students from Somerset and Hunterdon counties are encouraged to apply.

The \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded based on a student's outstanding academics, character, leadership and courage exhibited in overcoming obstacles that may have stood in their way.

Catherine Guerrero, for whom the scholarship is named, was a remarkable woman. Growing up during the Depression, a disability from polio may have limited her mobility, but not her spirit and will to achieve. Among her accomplishments, she was named the first postmaster of Flagtown section of Hillsborough after she wrote Eleanor Roosevelt asking why young women with disabilities found difficulty finding employment.

Funds for this scholarship are generously donated by members of the Guerrero family, with a matching contribution from the Somerville Elks Charitable Trust.

Representing the Guerrero family, Midge Guerrero, Catherine's niece, said: "We are honored to be partners with the Somerville Elks in awarding this yearly scholarship for young people who are successfully completing their studies while adapting to the physical and cognitive challenges they may be facing. Aunt Catherine, would be very pleased with these student applicants and their courageous stories."

For an e-mail application, contact Lisa Marrero, Somerville Elks/Guerrero Scholarship chairperson, at [pddgerchr@gmail.com](mailto:pddgerchr@gmail.com) Completed application deadline is June 15th. The winner will be announced late June. Call 908-625-8136 with questions.

## Catherine Guerrero Scholarship Application

Administered by the Somerville Elks Lodge #1068 Charitable Trust

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence and E-mail addresses \_\_\_\_\_

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

Applicant has been accepted to post-secondary education at:

\_\_\_\_\_

(College, University or Technical School)

(The applicant must attach a copy of acceptance letter to this application)

Intended Major or Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guidance Counselor or Special Needs Coordinator

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Teacher who may provide a letter of endorsement for you:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

List three school activities you are involved with:

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Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Type of physical or cognitive impairment \_\_\_\_\_

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On a separate sheet, describe how you have dealt with your impairment, how it has affected your studies and how you intend to achieve your college and career goals (250-350 words)  
Essay and post-secondary school acceptance letter copy must be attached for consideration.

Email the completed application and materials to [pddgerchr@gmail.com](mailto:pddgerchr@gmail.com) by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Questions Call 908-625-8136

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