

# Katie Brown English Scholarship

Cedar Crest High School

The scholarship is open to any student who is graduating from Cedar Crest High School and planning to major in English (or related field) at a 4 year institution. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Complete an application
2. Submit an essay addressing the prompt on the application
3. Submit a copy of the high school transcript
4. Submit a list of community and school activities
5. Attend a personal interview with the CCHS principal and Mrs. Brown (or, if she is not available, a committee consisting of a Guidance Counselor and an English teacher chosen by the High School Principal)
6. Include a picture of the applicant with the application

The completed application and essay for the Scholarship are due in the Counseling Office by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The stipend is \$500 per year (renewable for a total of 4 years for a maximum of \$2000). The stipend will be sent from the Cedar Crest Business Office directly to the student for use as the student sees fit.

The recipient of this scholarship will receive the first stipend in October of his/her freshman year in college. The stipend will be sent to the home address listed on the application (or another address supplied to the Cedar Crest Counseling Office) after receipt of the proof of enrollment in the college and a copy of the recipient's college schedule for the first semester showing the recipient is enrolled in courses in English or related field. These documents (and any address change) must be sent directly to Mrs. Brown (email: [kookaburra94@gmail.com](mailto:kookaburra94@gmail.com)) by September 15<sup>th</sup>.\*\* Subsequent stipends will be sent each October following receipt of a copy of the recipient's transcript from the previous year and the new college schedule for the first semester which shows continued enrollment in English or related field. As long as the recipient continues uninterrupted study in college and maintains a 2.8 average (on a 4.0 scale) toward graduation with a major in English or related field, the stipend will be available for a total of 4 consecutive years of undergraduate study. In the event a recipient graduates early, the scholarship will not be honored for advanced study at the graduate level.

\*\*Recipients for this scholarship will be chosen initially by Mrs. Katie Brown. When she is no longer available to choose the recipient, a committee of one Guidance Counselor and an English teacher chosen by the High School Principal will make the decision. A copy of the current fall semester of courses and a current address will be sent directly to the Cedar Crest Counseling Office each year before the stipend is sent to the recipient in October.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

College or University you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

ESSAY: Respond to the following prompt in a typed, double-spaced, well-written essay of approximately 500 words.

In the novel *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, John Irving writes “MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE AN ENGLISH MAJOR. AT LEAST, YOU GET TO READ STUFF THAT’S WRITTEN BY PEOPLE WHO CAN *WRITE!* YOU DON’T NEED TO *DO* ANYTHING TO BE AN ENGLISH MAJOR, YOU DON’T NEED ANY SPECIAL TALENT, YOU JUST HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT SOMEONE WANTS YOU TO SEE – TO WHAT MAKES SOMEONE ANGRIST, OR THE MOST EXCITED IN SOME OTHER WAY. IT ’SO *EASY*; I THINK THAT’S WHY THERE ARE SO MANY ENGLISH MAJORS.”

Respond to Irving’s comments and explain why YOU want to be an English major and what talents you think are necessary for you to be successful in the field of English.