

Megan Patenaude Memorial Scholarship

Megan Patenaude was born and raised in St Albans, VT. She graduated from BFA in 2000 and from Plattsburgh State University in 2005 with a BS degree in Human Services. She was working as a social worker at the time of her untimely death through a senseless act of violence on June 4, 2007.

From a very early age, Megan was always interested in helping others. She had a gift of making people laugh and was totally accepting of everyone.

Megan was involved in many activities including dance, band, skiing, swimming, hockey, softball and soccer. She was an avid reader and gifted writer. We would often laugh and say that she needed to slow down because she was involved in so many things at once. We now know it was because she had a lot to accomplish in her 25 years of life.

Below is an excerpt from a paper Megan wrote in her last year of college which sums up the values that were so important to her:

"...Realistically, I will never be able to help everyone in this population but I can do my part to create positive change. Beginning from my childhood I have always attempted to help people who are in need. My heart is open to those who are otherwise not accepted; it has become ingrained in my personal value system...Work ethic is a value in my family that will always hold meaning in my life. The goal to succeed in my professional career is generated from my personal and family value system..."

Megan's mission in life was to advocate for others and she ultimately lost her life doing what she believed most important. From Megan's beautiful spirit, may we all acquire the gift of helping others.



MEGAN E PATENAUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Home address _____

Eligibility: A \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior at graduation. Preference will be given to a student who exemplifies some or all of the interests that were important to Megan.

1. Love of Life
2. Dedication and involvement in helping others
3. Entering a field of social services
4. Athletics
5. Good High school record (academics and social)
6. Financial need

Where do you plan to continue your education?

Name of school _____

Have you been accepted? _____

What are your professional ambitions? _____

Please list all of the activities you have participated in while at Bellows Free Academy both at school and in the community.

Activity	Dates of involvement	Award (if applicable)
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Class rank _____ GPA _____

Family information:

Father's name and occupation: _____

Mother's name and occupation _____

Number of children in family _____ How many attending College _____

Please include:

A copy of your high school transcript and at least 2 letters of recommendation from teachers.

A typed narrative of what "Dedication to Helping Others" means to you.

Application due: April 1st

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