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## **CSL Venus Manly Scholarship**

For St. Johns County high school seniors with disabilities graduating in May 2019

Members of the Center for Spiritual Living (CSL) St Augustine recognizes the need for continuing education for young adults with disabilities who graduate from high school. Also acknowledging the high cost of education and some of the financial needs of our community, we offer a scholarship for St. Johns County graduating seniors who plan to attend a College, University, Trade or Technical School.

Continuing in our second year, CSL will offer the Venus Manly scholarship named for a member of the St. Augustine Center who was disabled with cerebral palsy and transitioned early in her young life at age 14. We want to encourage students with disabilities to write about how they have overcome their specific challenges and to reflect on what they can see themselves accomplishing in their future. We invite graduating seniors to share their ideas in an essay about their plans on how they will make the world a better place through their education. They will present these ideas during a committee interview to compete to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships.

This scholarship contest will assess the student's writing and presentation skills. We will allow the use of accommodations while completing the application and essay.

The CSL scholarship committee will score the essay and issue invitations to ten (10) semi-finalists to make an in-person interview. A combination of the highest scores of the applicant's submission of Part 1 and 2 will determine the scholarship recipients.

**Part 1.** An essay due by March 31, 2019.

Answer the following question in 500 words or less (min: 250 words).

**"How have you overcome your specific challenges and what do you see yourself accomplishing through your education?"**

**Part 2.** An Interview of semi-finalists will take place before April 30th, 2019.

Examples of questions:

1. What are your post-secondary education plans after high school?
2. What have you done in high school to prepare for this post-secondary experience?
3. How do you plan to merge your experiences as a high school student from St. Johns County Florida with your future education and career?

CSL will award the scholarships before May 10, 2019.



2018 CSL Scholarship winners

### **About CSL St. Augustine:**

The Center for Spiritual Living (CSL) St Augustine provides spiritual tools to transform our personal lives and help make the world a better place. We extend a warm welcome to all people in search of a spiritual community where they are embraced, affirmed and accepted for who they are, as well as inspired and supported to grow into their highest potential. CSL provides community support in the form of Christmas gifts for youth and seniors, Easter baskets for seniors, regular donations to pantries, and ongoing initiatives. CSL recognizes the need for continuing education for young adults who graduate from high school; also acknowledging the high cost of education and some of the financial needs of our community. The St Augustine Center has been awarded the 2019 Community of the Year by the Centers for Spiritual Living!



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### QUALIFICATION AND APPLICATION Due on March 31, 2019

To apply, submit this application and a 500-word essay on the topic (min: 250 words):

**"How have you overcome your specific challenges and what do you see yourself accomplishing through your education?"**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Suite/Etc. \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ County: **St. Johns** State: **Florida** Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit a teacher recommendation from your High School (Identify your school):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Allen D. Nease \_\_\_\_\_ Bartram Trail \_\_\_\_\_ Creekside \_\_\_\_\_ Pedro Menendez

\_\_\_\_\_ Ponte Vedra \_\_\_\_\_ St. Augustine \_\_\_\_\_ St. Johns Technical \_\_\_\_\_ Home School

**What is your education plan after high school? What education institution are you planning to attend?**

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Where did you find out about the CSL Venus Manly Scholarship?

\_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ friend or family \_\_\_\_\_ CSL website \_\_\_\_\_ a CSL member

I affirm that all information on this application is true. I agree that my name and photo may be used in publicity releases by CSL St. Augustine. If you are under age 18, your parent/guardian signature is required.

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit your application and essay on or before 12:00pm (midnight) March 31, 2019 to: [office@cslstaugustine.org](mailto:office@cslstaugustine.org).  
Your subject line should be: *CSL Venus Manly Scholarship Essay-2019*.

**Semi-finalists must participate in a committee interview to make a presentation on your essay.**

**Please feel free to call us if you have questions: 904-228-4679**