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CSL Venus Manly Scholarship

Venus Manly was an inspiration to many of her fellow students, teachers and the members of the Center for Spiritual Living (CSL) St Augustine. She loved attending school! Her bright smile would light up the classroom revealing her desire to learn no matter the pain or discomfort of sitting in a wheelchair for hours of the day.

Continuing in our third 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.

St. Johns County high school seniors with documented disabilities graduating in May 2020 can respond by reflecting on how they have overcome their specific challenges and state a vision of their future contributions. We will invite graduating seniors to present these ideas during a committee interview to compete to win one of three \$1,000 scholarships. Scholarship winners are eligible for ongoing funds and services through the Caring Community Connection Fund.

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.

Part 1. An essay due by April 1, 2020.

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?"

The CSL scholarship committee will score the essay and issue invitations to ten (10) semi-finalists to make an in-person interview.

Part 2. An Interview of semi-finalists will take place before April 30th, 2020.

A combination of the highest scores of the applicant's submissions of Part 1 and 2 will determine the three scholarship recipients. Other participants might receive honorariums.

CSL will award the scholarships before May 15, 2020.



2019 CSL Scholarship winner: Charlotte McLeary

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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For St. Johns County high school seniors with documented disabilities graduating in May 2020

QUALIFICATION AND APPLICATION

Due on April 1, 2020

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 expression: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Other

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Address Street _____ Apt/Suite/Etc. _____

City/Town _____ **St. Johns County** 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?

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) April 1, 2020 to: office@cslstaugustine.org. Your subject line should be: *CSL Venus Manly Scholarship Essay-2020*.

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