



## The Aubrey Pappas Memorial Scholarship Funded and Presented by The Aubrey Foundation



The Aubrey Pappas Memorial Scholarship is being awarded to North Brunswick Township High School graduating Seniors (Class of 2018) who exemplify the traits of Mrs. Pappas and plan to attend an accredited college or university, trade school, or are pursuing a career in the military or public service.

Mrs. Pappas was a beloved language arts teacher at Linwood Middle School before her life was tragically cut short in October 2014. Over the course of her 13 years teaching, she taught her students to dream big and to work hard to achieve those dreams. She demanded academic excellence, and built a strong sense of community through respect for oneself and for others. She, as an individual, stemmed from various cultural backgrounds and embraced all ethnicities and diversity. Her personal mission consisted of helping others, regardless of their race or status, in an effort to better the community as a whole.

Each scholarship will be awarded to a deserving graduation who exemplifies the traits that Mrs. Pappas instilled in each of her students: strong academic and family values, perseverance through challenges, acceptance of others' uniqueness, and a great sense of ambition. Aubrey worked incredibly hard to inspire her students, and we want to know what has inspired you and how you plan to help and inspire others. To qualify for this scholarship, students should have a 3.0 GPA or higher; special considerations may be granted on a case by case basis. Essays should provide examples of how one exemplifies traits that Mrs. Pappas had and taught (as highlighted above), and how those trait will benefit one, one's peers and one's community in the years to come.

All essays should be between 500-800 words.

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**Prompt Options: Please select ONLY ONE. Duplicates will not be considered. The Aubrey Foundation will award multiple scholarships from any combination of the following categories.**

**Future Educator:** This essay option is for those who plan on to pursue a career in education. Mrs. Pappas was passionate about education and making sure all students had the opportunity to learn both in and outside the classroom. Please use this space to explain why you want to be an educator and how you will exhibit the traits of Mrs. Pappas in your future career.

**Public Service:** This essay option is for students who plan to pursue a career in public service (Police, Fire Department, Government, etc). Aubrey strongly supported the men and women who worked in public service to serve and give back to their community. Explain how and why you plan to start a career in public service.

**Overcoming obstacles:** This essay option is for students who have overcome significant obstacles in their lives. Aubrey was dedicated to helping her students overcome obstacles big and small. Describe a major obstacle you overcame and how it affected and shaped you. These obstacles can be anything from losing a loved one, immigrating from another country, overcoming an illness, etc.

**Charity and Community Service:** This essay option is for students who have shown a commitment to community service and charity work. Aubrey was always passionate about giving back and helping those in need. One of her bucket list items was to instill that giving spirit in her son and students. Explain how and why you've dedicated your time to community service as well as how you will continue to do so after graduation.

**Arts:** This essay option is for students who plan to pursue an education and career in the arts. Outside of her normal classes, Aubrey helped create a video production club and enjoyed music and the arts in her spare time. Explain what the arts means to you and how and why you plan to pursue an education and career in this field. The artistic fields can be anything from music, production, theater, dance, visual/graphic arts, etc.

**Fitness, Athletic, Health &/or Nutrition:** This essay option is for students who plan to live and share a healthy lifestyle with others. Aubrey was passionate about eating healthy, and incorporating fitness in her life. She also encouraged others to find a healthy balance. In school she was also an enthusiastic field hockey player. Whether you are going to major in a related field, plan on helping others stay fit, or eat healthy --, explain how and why you plan on doing so.

**English &/or Journalism major:** This essay option is for students who plan to pursue a career in English or journalism. Aubrey was passionate about this course of study and how the knowledge gained went far beyond the classroom. Explain why you are choosing this major and how you plan to use it to help or inform others in your career.

**Animals:** This essay option is for students who plan to pursue a career in working with or caring for animals, in any capacity. Aubrey loved animals. Healthy relationships between people and pets were especially important to her. This was evident through her kindness and compassion toward *all* animals. Explain how your plan to work with animals in the future will promote animal advocacy.

**Cosmetology:** This essay option is for students who plan to pursue a career in cosmetology. Aubrey was a beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics, a company that believes in empowering women. Aubrey believed in presenting a confident appearance in all aspects of life. Explain what this career path means to you, and how you were inspired to pursue it.