



Jillian Ludwig

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

We are honored to introduce the Jillian Ludwig Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of our beloved daughter who was an esteemed 2023 graduate of Wall High School. This scholarship is designed to recognize and support a graduating senior who has demonstrated a strong commitment to education, extracurricular passions and pursuits, and community service.

Jillian was a remarkable individual who embodied values of academic excellence, musical achievement, community service, and leadership. She had an impressive resume of extracurricular activities, volunteerism, work experience, and a deep involvement in her musical pursuits. Jillian was a bright light to all who knew her. She was very smart, kind, caring, compassionate, creative and giving. Jillian was most passionate about music. Her love of music was evident at a very young age. While starting with vocal instruction, Jill learned to play various instruments including saxophone, oboe, piano, guitar, and bass. She was a member of three rock bands as a singer, guitar, and bass player. Jill also performed solo at venues around Jersey Shore and was also very involved in the WHS bands and with music ministries at church. At age 17, she started her own project called "Playing it Forward" where she would perform at local establishments to raise funds to donate back to those in need within the musical community she loved.

Jillian became a music teacher herself at Lakehouse Music Academy where she had studied. Upon high school graduation, she went on to study Music Business at Belmont University in Nashville, TN. She had big dreams of having a career in the music industry, as a recording artist and/or producer. Tragically and senselessly, Jillian was killed when she was struck by a stray bullet while taking a jog in a park near her campus on 11/7/23, just a few months into her college career. Her family would like to follow her example and "Play It Forward" to a member of the Class of 2024 to help a fellow student follow his or her dreams in pursuing further education.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for the Jillian Ludwig Memorial Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a graduating senior from Wall High School.
- Plan to attend a 2- or 4- year college or trade school.
- Demonstrate leadership qualities through involvement in school, extracurricular, and/or community service activities.

Application Requirements:

To apply for this scholarship, please submit the following documents by Friday April 5, 2024:

1. Resume: Provide a detailed resume outlining your academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and community service involvement. Include any leadership positions you have held and awards received.
2. Transcript: Include a copy of your high school transcript.
3. College Acceptance Letter: Provide a copy of your acceptance letter from the school you plan to attend.
4. Letter of Recommendation: Include a letter of recommendation from someone who can speak to your community service, character, and dedication.
5. Essay: Read Jillian's statement (written in her own words) below and please share your response. Tell us what you are passionate about and how you have been able to harness your passions into a positive contribution to your community or society as a whole. Your essay may include, but is not limited to, answers to the following questions: What or who inspires you to help others? How will you continue to draw from your experiences and/or your talents to help make the world a better place in the future? How have you or will you use your passions and talents to contribute to the overall betterment of your community? Also, please share your future educational and/or career goals and describe how your experiences have shaped your aspirations.

Jillian's Statement:

"Passion is what fuels and motivates our lives. To love and to care for something, no matter what it may be, is ultimately just a part of human life. It is what we do with our passions that makes few so spectacular.

For me, my greatest passion is music. Over the past year, I launched my own project called "Playing it Forward" with the idea of pursuing my passion and using my talents for a good purpose. I contacted as many local establishments as I could, offering to play music for their guests entirely free of charge. I have pledged 100% of all tips or donations I receive at these performances to various organizations that assist musicians in need at both the local and national levels. Whether it be musicians struggling with homelessness, poverty, lack of access to instruments or music education for less fortunate children, these organizations do outstanding work that advocates for and supports artists in need. Playing it Forward has received incredible support, and I have been able to donate hundreds of dollars to foundations such as Sweet Relief Musicians Fund, Asbury Park Music Foundation, and Community Music School. I am hopeful that my service to the community has been able to better even just a few people's lives and ultimately has helped to make the world a better place."

Submission:

Please mail your completed application to:

The Ludwig Family

1211 Pennsylvania Ave.

Manasquan, NJ 08736

Selection Process:

The recipient of the \$1,000 Jillian Ludwig Memorial Scholarship will be chosen based on their academic and community service achievements, leadership qualities, ambitions going forward, and the quality of their essay and recommendation.

We look forward to receiving your applications and learning about your achievements, aspirations, and the unique circumstances that make you an ideal candidate for the Jillian Ludwig Memorial Scholarship.