

The Rosalind Ross Memorial Scholarship
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It can be extremely difficult for LGBT victims to admit that domestic violence is an issue in their relationship. Even once they have admitted to themselves that there is a problem, they are often at a loss at where to turn to for help. They may be fearful of receiving a homophobic response from those they seek assistance from. Please don't give up in reaching out for help.

The Rosalind Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund is dedicated to the memory of Rosalind Ross who died tragically from a gunshot wound by her domestic partner on September 15, 2010. Domestic abuse occurs in approximately 30 to 40% of LGBT relationships, which is the same percentage of violence that occurs in straight relationships.¹

Roz was not ashamed of being a lesbian. She was a beautiful, bright, and unselfish young lady that loved life to the fullest and enjoyed giving of herself more than receiving. Roz was a loving individual with an adamant, core belief that she could make a positive difference in the lives of her friends, family, and community.

Roz was a former basketball player for Milwaukee Bradley Tech High School, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Oklahoma University and the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Los Angeles Sparks. Roz will be missed, but her name will live on through her scholarship. She will always be remembered as a gift from the heavens with the ability to make those who knew her feel better about themselves.

In memory of Roz's zeal for life and core beliefs, this fund has been established by her parents, family, friends, peers and the Oklahoma University community in Norman Oklahoma. Roz was a basketball standout and a Criminal Justice Major who had dreams of establishing a youth organization. Roz felt strongly about the youth in the community and believed that she could make a difference in a career that focused on helping our youth.

She will always be remembered for her unique, but stylish, fashion sense, her smile, and for her love of basketball. You can always find Roz talking to the youth about education and playing basketball - this was the way she lived her brief life.

We believe that the more you educate yourself about domestic violence issues, the more able you are to make informed choices about your situation. Please make use of the resources available to educate yourself and empowering yourself in the process.

Mission and purpose

To award a scholarship to a Milwaukee Public High School senior and college bound student who best matches the aspirations and ideals demonstrated by Rosalind Ross.

Scholarship Details

The Rosalind Ross Memorial Scholarship is a non-renewable monetary gift currently \$500.00 for the 2012/2013 school year.

¹GLBT Domestic Violence <http://www.rainbowdomesticviolence.itgo.com/>

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The applicant must:

- Be female, lesbian or transgender
- Be a graduating senior of a Milwaukee Public High School and a U.S. Citizen with plans to major in Criminal Justice, Political Science, Sociology or Women's and Gender Studies.
- Attend an accredited two-year or four year college, university, or other post-secondary institution no later than the fall semester of the graduating year.
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Attach a sealed copy of your official school transcript to application

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The Scholarship opens January 17, 2012 and completed applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on April 6, 2012 or postmarked at IOU Sports offices. The award will be sent directly to the University or College of attendance for the 2012/2013 school year. If the recipient enrolls in a program and terminates prior to the end of the school year, she will relinquish her rights to further benefit under the award. The scholarship is not a cash award.

NOTICE OF RECEIPT

All applicants will receive notification (via letter or postcard) that her application was received and accepted into judging. Applications that are submitted past the deadline, incomplete, submitted via fax or e-mail and/or do not meet the qualifications for the program will be returned with a letter of explaining why the application was rejected.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECIPIENT

The Selection Committee will name the award winner. Award winners will be notified June 30th 2012 unless otherwise noted. Recipients of Awards will be required to send in an original picture (headshot). Two alternates will be named in rank order. If for any reason, a recipient is unable to enroll for the 2012-2013 school year, the award will be offered to an alternate named by the Selection Committee.

You can mail your completed application to:

Images of Us (IOU) Sports
RE: The Rosalind Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund
4757 N. 76th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53218

In filing an application, be certain that the application is completely filled out, that all questions are answered truthfully and that all the documents requested are provided. Please type or print in black ink. Applicants are cautioned to read questions thoroughly.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this application, please contact IOU Sports, at 414-393 - 0773 or email to ioussportscholarships@earthlink.net

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The Rosalind Ross Memorial Scholarship Application

Full Name of Applicant _____

Social Security Number – (must provide if you are chosen)

Birth date _____

Home Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Ph _____ Cell _____

Name of High School _____

Address _____ Zip _____

GPA _____

Name of College/University to attend in 2012/2013 _____

Your Intended Major _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Board Member Confidential

Office use only: # _____
Date Received:

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Type your answers to these questions on a separate sheet of 8 1/2 x 11 papers, single space, 12pt Arial and attach to the application.

1. (2) Letters of recommendations: (1) from a coach or teacher and (1) from a non-relative in the community.
2. How do you compare your life to sportsmanship?
3. Name two of your current activities – Clubs, sports, volunteer work, Church involvement, hobbies; tell us why you joined or belong to them?
4. Where do you see yourself in five years? Provide details of occupation, location, extra curricular activities, interests, family, etc.
5. Name two of your favorite/most influential persons in your life and tell us why?
6. If there is one thing you can change about yourself, what would it be and why?
7. Our society teaches that domestic violence occurs between men and women. But abuse can and does happen in all kinds of relationships, including lesbian, gay and transgender relationships. **Now that you know there are all kinds of relationships regarding Domestic Violence. In a 500 word essay answer the following question: If you or someone you love may be the victim of domestic violence, what would you do?**

LOCAL RESOURCES

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center	http://www.mkelgbt.org/
Sojourner Family Peace Center	http://www.familypeacecenter.org/
Pathfinders	http://pathfindersmke.org/

NATIONAL

Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network	http://www.glsen.org/
National Organization for Women	http://www.now.org/issues/violence/
GLBT Domestic Violence	http://www.rainbowdomesticviolence.itgo.com/

If you or someone you know is in a domestic violence relationship, call your local domestic violence shelter and ask what services they offer to LGBT or heterosexual clients. If you aren't satisfied with what they offer, ask for a referral to a domestic violence shelter near you.

Also, you don't have to out yourself in order to get help if you choose not to. The fact that you are a victim of domestic violence is enough for you to receive assistance. Do what you need to do to feel safe. Domestic violence advocates and counselors know that you have already been through a lot, and won't pressure you to answer questions you don't want to answer about the name or gender of your abuser.

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