

# **Linked By Pink College Scholarship And Toni Dillon Memorial Scholarship**

Linked By Pink is a local non-profit organization which provides emotional and financial help to those diagnosed with breast cancer under the age of 45. This year, Linked By Pink is offering the LBP Scholarship Program. Most scholarships are based on academic or athletic achievement or financial need. The LBP scholarship is based on life experience.

Toni Dillon was featured in Linked By Pink's 2009 and 2013 calendars. She was an award-winning teacher for the Erie School District, where she spent her 29-year career working with children with severe emotional problems. Toni was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001 at the age of 39. She lost her hard-fought battle on January 6, 2014. We honor Toni's love of learning with this scholarship.

Specifically, we are offering four scholarships intended to help students from an Erie county school who have been touched by a breast cancer diagnosis. Two, \$1,000 scholarships are available, as well as one \$750 scholarship, and one \$500 scholarship.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants must meet all the following criteria to be eligible for this scholarship:

- Must have an immediate family member (Mother, father, sister, brother or self) who is a breast cancer survivor or must have lost an immediate family member (Mother, father, sister, brother) to breast cancer. Aunts and grandparents are not immediate family members. The winner and parent/guardian will need to verify that all information submitted is true.
- Must be a senior graduating in June 2018 from an Erie County high school.
- Must be attending college full time starting in the fall of 2018.
- Must have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average. Winner will be required to provide copy of transcript.

## **Timeline**

Submissions will be accepted from now until Friday, April 20, 2018. No submissions will be accepted after April 20, 2018. Linked By Pink will not be responsible for submissions not received by email due to electronic error.

Winner will be notified no later than May 15, 2018.

## **Award Distribution**

- The award is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, \$750, or \$500.
- Payment will be mailed to winners no later than June 15, 2018.
- The check will be made payable directly to the winner's selected college.

## **Selection Criteria**

A selection committee of not less than 5 members will determine the winner. The winner will be based solely on essay submission without regard to financial need.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place essay will be awarded the Linked By Pink Scholarship of \$1,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place essay will be awarded the Toni Dillon Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place essay will be awarded a scholarship of \$750
- 4<sup>th</sup> place essay will be awarded a scholarship of \$500

## **Requirements**

All entries will be two pages.

### **First page will include:**

Scholarship name

Student's full name, address, phone number and email address if available.

Student's Current School

Name and relationship of family member diagnosed with breast cancer.

Date of diagnosis

### **Second page will include:**

Student's essay of 500 words or less (double spaced) addressing the following question:

**“Has your family member’s diagnosis altered your life path in any way?”**

All entries can be emailed as a Word doc to: [award@linkedbypink.org](mailto:award@linkedbypink.org)

All entries must be received by Friday, April 20, 2018.

Any questions may be sent by email to: [award@linkedbypink.org](mailto:award@linkedbypink.org)

To find out more about Linked By Pink, visit our website at [www.linkedbypink.org](http://www.linkedbypink.org)

Winner agrees to have name and/or photo used on our website and advertising brochures.

Winner's eligibility will be verified in writing by student and their parent or guardian.

Winner will provide copy of high school transcript.

All submissions will become the property of Linked By Pink and will not be returned.

Scholarship winner will be excluded from winning any other Linked By Pink scholarships.

Members of Linked By Pink's Board of Directors and their family members are not eligible for this scholarship.