

DIANNE BROOKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

History

Dianne Marie Brooks was born February 22, 1958 in Bowman, ND to Howard and Pauline Brooks. She died on August 8, 1981 following a car accident. Dianne grew up in Rhame, ND where she attended both elementary and high school. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Special Education from Moorhead State University.

Dianne taught fourth grade at St. Joseph Catholic School in Red Lake Falls, MN at the time of her death. She loved music and enjoyed playing guitar for weddings, church activities, retreats, and for her many friends.

Dianne was very involved with the Search for Christian Maturity and TEC programs of the Diocese of Fargo. She was also a peer minister at the MSU Newman Center. Her ministry was a central part of her life. Friends speak of her as a "faith-filled, holy woman with a perpetual positive attitude."

In 1981, the Dianne Brooks Memorial fund was established in memory of the love and support she had for youth. This fund is used to help provide the means of bringing the love of God to the youth of the Diocese of Fargo.

Policy and Procedural Considerations

- ◆ Anyone is encouraged to apply for financial assistance to any Diocesan Office for Youth Ministries program, provided they have sufficient economic need.
- ◆ Disbursement of funds is based on need and availability of funds, and is subject to the discretion of the Office of Youth Ministries
- ◆ It is the applicant's responsibility and obligation to explore alternative funding, beyond the Dianne Brooks Fund, when applying for financial assistance.
- ◆ Notification of acceptance and the amount awarded will be conveyed to applicant after the Office for Youth Ministries has made a decision.
- ◆ Application requests should be submitted to the Office for Youth Ministries prior to the event. All financial arrangements should be taken care of *prior* to the event.
- ◆ Generally, the applicant must pay all pre-registration fees (usually non-refundable) and a total of half the entire cost of the activity.
- ◆ ***To ensure that the Memorial Fund be used appropriately, and to ensure continued availability of funds, the candidates are asked to make an earnest attempt to contribute to the fund as able.***
- ◆ ***Anyone is encouraged to contribute additional money to the Dianne Brooks Memorial Scholarship Fund at any time.***

Questions should be directed to
Kathy Loney, Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry,
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DIANNE BROOKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Complete Address _____

Parish _____

How did you hear about this fund? _____

What activity will you be attending (include name & date)? _____

Why do you wish to attend this activity? _____

What amount of assistance you request? _____

Please list other sources of funding you have checked with locally. We suggest you check with the following types of groups: **Knights of Columbus, parish Education office, altar guild, etc.**

Have you ever received a scholarship from Dianne Brook's Memorial Fund before? (If so, when?)

Briefly explain your financial situation and why you are applying for funds. _____

Please complete all questions and return, as soon as possible to:

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