

## Heather Dawn Hales Scholarship Award

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Heather Dawn Hales was a 1994 graduate of Pine Forest High School, and a 1999 Graduate of East Carolina University. Heather's father was killed when she was five, leaving her mother (who was a house wife) alone to raise Heather along with her three sisters. Her mother remarried when Heather was 10 years old. Her mother and stepfather were good providers, but there was never the extra money needed to save for college. Throughout her life Heather worked hard in school and for her employers. Her education came hard financially and she borrowed most all of the money that she needed to attend college while working as a waitress to supplement her living expenses. That never discouraged her, as she knew how important education was and that it would eventually pay for itself. After graduation, Heather worked as a sales representative with Alliant Food Service, then as a sales representative for Lab Corp. Her final job was with Glaxo Smith Kline as a pharmaceutical sales representative. Out of over 500 applicants, Heather got the job. In that endeavor she excelled as well, with her intelligence, personality and captivating smile she had finally made it. Her boyfriend tragically murdered Heather on May 18, 2006. In 30 years she touched many lives and through this, she will continue to do so. Although our family has been devastated, we would not let her die in vain so our family and friends decided what better way to memorialize her than to set up a scholarship to her alma mater and the school that she loved, East Carolina University. Because Heather knew and appreciated the value of her education, and student loans were the only way that she was able to go to school, this scholarship is intended to help another young person take advantage of that same opportunity. Her story could be told for days, she was a phenomenal woman, a loving daughter, sister, and friend, beautiful on the inside and out. To whoever is the recipient of this scholarship, please know that this scholarship is available because someone special touched so many lives.

Below you will find the application and instructions for the Heather Hales Scholarship Award. The scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000, will be awarded over a four-year period to a graduating senior from either a Cumberland or Harnett County School *who has been accepted and will be attending East Carolina University*. It is the intent of the directors who are in charge of awarding the scholarship, and the family of Heather Hales, to award it to a student who will have to borrow money to pay for their education. The applicant must have a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) and the recipient must maintain a GPA of 2.5 at ECU in order to continue to receive the scholarship. The recipient will be required to send a copy of his/her grades at the end of every semester. Only after review of those grades will the money be released. Please fill out the attached application. In addition, please write a brief description of your future plans and how you plan to fund your college education, and return it to 2204 Bayview Drive Fayetteville, NC 28305. The deadline for applications is 04/1/19.

**Heather Dawn Hales Scholarship Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Briefly (approximately 500 words) write an essay explaining how your college education will be funded, your future plans, and or goals and anything else that you feel may be relevant to this scholarship.**