



The Kelly Cortesi "Touch a Child" Foundation

120 Oscawana Lake Road * Putnam Valley * NY * 10579 * 845-528-2765

www.TouchaChild.org

The Kelly Cortesi Scholarship Application for the 2010/2010 Senior Graduating Class *Academics, Courage, Integrity and Compassion*

Scholarship Criteria

Criteria will be based on the following:

Student:

- Is a Putnam Valley High School college-bound senior graduating in June 2010;
- Is in solid academic standing (85 or higher grade point average as tracked in semester prior to graduation); and
- Has the character attributes related to the following:

~ **Courage:** The true ability to undertake tasks with no fear or intimidation and with fortitude. Kelly's willingness to undertake and face every situation and task, easy or difficult, with a smile, a "can-do" attitude, and still stand up for her beliefs – whether it be with her friends, her parents or her coaches and teachers was noted by all that knew her.

~ **Integrity:** The true ability to have a sense of honesty and truthfulness in not only your actions but your words. Kelly was well respected by her peers for not only acting on what was right and what was wrong but ensuring that those around her behaved in a similar manner. She held her friends and family to high standards of openness and reliability while being a good example of these behaviors herself.

~ **Compassion:** The true ability to treat others with concern, respect and care as well as undertake actions towards ensuring that other people come into contact with you are recipients of such behavior. Kelly's involvement in community services as well as her job as a camp counselor exemplified her love of kids and of those less fortunate and her ability to make so many people feel as if they were an exceptional person and friend.

How to apply

The application process will be as follows:

1. Completed application
2. Written essay*
3. Final semester/quarter transcript or signed notice from Guidance Counselor regarding GPA
4. Interview - Top three candidates will have an interview with select committee and board members

***The written essay** will give examples and reasons why the student has the character attributes and how they have exhibited and/or encouraged these in others. Students will be judged on how they consistently apply these attributes to their everyday life.

Students can be recommended separately by teachers, coaches, supervisors, parents and any other mentor. These recommendations are **not** required by the committee, but may be helpful in the selection process. These students **MUST** be encouraged to follow through with the essay and interview process on their own.

Please return completed scholarship application, essay and transcript to:

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or to the Guidance Office at PVHS

***by May 30th, 2010* to be considered.**



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Personal Information

Name			
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Phone Number	Email Address		
Name of Parents/Guardians			
G.P.A to date			

Honors and Awards received

List the honors and awards you have received through: academics, athletics, volunteer experience and any other awards related to this scholarship application

Extracurricular Activities

Summarize your previous volunteer, club and organization experience. (school, church, social, civil, academic, athletic etc)

Essay

In a separate attachment, please give examples of each attribute (Courage, Integrity, Compassion) and reasons why you have the qualities of courage, integrity and compassion; and how you have exhibited and/or encouraged these in others. Students will be judged on how they consistently apply these attributes to their everyday life. Minimum 250 words.



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Award Notification and Distribution Process

The scholarship notification and distribution process will be as follows:

The award recipient will be invited to attend the Senior Award Ceremony in June of the year of the award.

A check for 1/4th of the full award will be distributed at the ceremony and subsequently each year in June up to the full value of the award, pending review of required GPA minimum requirement.

A certificate from The Kelly Cortesi "Touch a Child" Foundation noting the full value of the award will be presented to the recipient as formal notice of the 4-year award.

The recipient will be required to provide proof by May 30th of each year that the minimum GPA has been achieved. The Kelly Cortesi "Touch a Child" Foundation will notify the recipient by either email or post of the need for either an official transcript or signed notification from the college or university that the minimum GPA has been achieved. All subsequent award amounts will be awarded in June.

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as an award recipient, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in discontinuation of the award.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.

Thank you for completing this application form.

Additional Information

Additional information regarding the Kelly Cortesi "Touch a Child" Foundation and Scholarship can be found at www.TouchAChild.org.

Any questions please call the foundation number or email at contactus@TouchAChild.org