



Sarah Oberhauser Memorial Scholarship *sponsored by Resolute Public Affairs*

Sarah Oberhauser graduated from Sheridan High School in 1988 as class valedictorian and an all-state athlete in basketball, track and cross country. She went on to work at Talawanda High School (Oxford, Ohio), where she taught chemistry, coached basketball and served as a strong mentor for students inside and outside the classroom.

On January 26, 2002, Sarah was driving to a volunteer seminar to train students for work when a driver ran a red light and crashed into her vehicle. Sarah was killed instantly at the age of 31. She was a mother of two and left behind a daughter, son, her “other children” – her students – and loving parents.

Since Sarah’s death, her family has worked in her honor to raise awareness of the consequences of dangerous driving and support safer streets in Ohio and across the country. Sarah’s father Paul Oberhauser passed away in December 2020. He was very involved with this scholarship and enjoyed reading all the applications, and we are pleased to continue this scholarship offering with the blessing of his wife, Sue Oberhauser.

About the Scholarship

The Sarah Oberhauser Memorial Scholarship was established in 2014 to award a total of two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to two different Sheridan High School seniors who each display the same commitment to community and public service that Sarah Oberhauser showed in the classroom, on the field and in the community.

How to Apply

Application Deadline

- All applications must be received electronically **by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 31, 2023**.
- Please send applications to lauren.popiel@resolutepublicaffairs.com with the subject line: **Sarah Oberhauser Memorial Scholarship Application**.
- Applicants will receive electronic confirmation their application has been received.
- If you have any issues or concerns with your submission, please call 312.673.1301

Eligibility

To be eligible, the recipient must be a senior graduating in 2023 who will be attending a two- or four-year college or university beginning in the fall of 2023.

Application Process

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges made up of Resolute team members, Sheridan High School administration/guidance, and representatives from the Oberhauser family. To ensure a fair review and objectivity, no names, addresses or additional information about the applicants other than their answers and background information will be provided to the reviewers.



Applicant Questionnaire

Please type out your answers to Section I in the spaces below and attach any additional pages with your resume and essay responses in your submission email.

For your two essay responses in Section III, please save the files with your name and the question number, such as "Name - Q1" or "Name - Q2." We encourage you to put thought and creativity into your responses.

Section I. Basic Information

Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Expected Graduation date:

College or university plan to attend:

Section II. Experiences

Please attach a one-page resume listing your work experience, leadership positions, involvement in extracurricular activities, volunteering experience, civic involvement, and any honors or recognition received during your high school career.

Section III. Personal Statements and Essays

Question 1

In her valedictorian address to the Class of 1988, Sarah asked, “What is a successful person?” Her response defined a successful person as: “A person who cares for others. Someone who is considerate, sharing and helpful. A person willing to sacrifice to help others.” Sarah brought these qualities to the classroom as a student and teacher, to the basketball court and track as an athlete and coach, and to the community as a mentor and friend. **How do you embody these ideals and encourage others to do the same?**

Your answer should be no more than one page in length (12 pt. single-spaced Arial font, one-inch margins).

Question 2

Approximately 80% of car crashes are attributed to a driver being distracted or not paying attention, and distracted driving accounts for 25% of all motor vehicle crash fatalities. With so much information out there about the dangers of texting and driving and other distractions, **what can you do to help reduce the percentage of distracted drivers and encourage others to drive responsibly?**

Your answer should be no more than one page in length (12 pt. single-spaced Arial font, one-inch margins).