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# Katherine Dobroczyński Memorial Scholarship Fund Seeks Applicants

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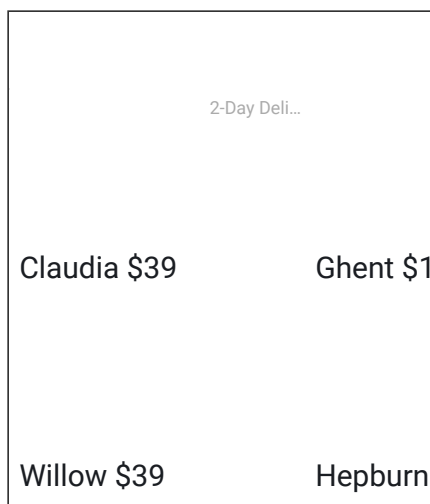
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SOUTHINGTON, CT — The fund Established in memory of a Southington Girl is set to award its first scholarship.



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The Katherine Dobroczyński Memorial Scholarship Fund is currently seeking applications.

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Katherine Elizabeth "Katie" Dobroczyński was only 10 years old when she passed away in 2013. The Southington resident, was an active member of the Southington-Cheshire Community YMCAs and loved to swim, fish with her dad and play golf at Hawk's Landing Country Club.

To honor her memory, the Katherine Dobroczyński Memorial Scholarship Fund was established at Main Street Community Foundation in 2014 with initial donations from the coworkers of Katie's mother, Christina Dobroczyński. It has grown through additional donations from family, friends and the community so that the scholarship is now a permanent legacy.

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The first award will be granted this spring, the year Katie would have graduated from Southington High School.

Preference will be given to current members of the Southington-Cheshire Community YMCAs.

Applicants must be pursuing studies in the area of neuroscience, veterinary medicine or elementary education.

"Katie had epilepsy, a neurological condition," Christina said as she discussed the reasoning for the scholarship criteria. "But Katie had a passion for animals and wanted to be a veterinarian. She also loved kids and had a gift for connecting with them. We want to help students who possess the same qualities Katie did and continue her legacy."

To view all eligibility criteria and requirements, and to apply for the scholarship, visit [MSCFScholarships.CommunityForce.com](https://MSCFScholarships.CommunityForce.com) and search for the Katherine Dobroczyński Memorial Scholarship Fund.

For more information on applying for this and other scholarships, contact Samantha Rajotte, the scholarship and program officer at Main Street Community Foundation, 860-583-6363 or [samantha@mainstreetfoundation.org](mailto:samantha@mainstreetfoundation.org).

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Katherine Dobroczyński Memorial Scholarship Fund may do so at any time by sending donations to Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06010.

Since its founding in 1995, the foundation has provided over \$21.3 million in grants and scholarships.

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