

# The Leslie A. Powers Memorial Scholarship

**“The life of the arts, far from being an interruption, a distraction, in the life of a nation, is very close to the center of a nation’s purpose... and is a test of the quality of a nation’s civilization”**

***--President John F. Kennedy***

Leslie A. Powers was born on April 30, 1967 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was raised in the North Hills. Following the birth of her sons, Donovan and Conner she settled in Bellevue. While raising her boys she encouraged them in their love of the Arts and spoke out about the necessity of Arts Education. She was a familiar face at many of the Northgate Choir and Musical performances before her sudden passing in April 2015.

It was the wish of her family to set up a scholarship for students who love the Arts and wish to see it thrive. Any Arts Education program whether through Northgate School District or an outside school or organization will be accepted.

Students who wish to apply for the scholarship must achieve the following:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- To voluntarily have taken an Arts Education course between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades with proof in the form of a signed letter of recommendation from the Arts Education Instructor
  - Examples of courses accepted are: Choir, Band, Advanced Art, Advanced Shop, Cooking classes, a foreign language, Advanced English Literature or Composition, Musical, private voice, private dance, private acting lessons
- Write a 500-1000 word essay on the following prompt: ***Jacqueline Kennedy said “one man can make a difference and every one should try.” How would you use the arts to change the world?*** The essay must be typewritten in 12 Pt. Times New Roman font.
- Turn in the following application and essay to the Guidance Office by March 2, 2018.
- Five finalists will be invited to a short interview with her eldest son, Donovan on a date which is to be decided.

