



## **Sara Rose Hougom Foundation Scholarship**

**About Sara:** Sara Rose Hougom was a beautiful, young woman whose life was violently taken at the age of 20 in March of 2012. Originally from West Salem, she lived in La Crosse for three years while attending Western Technical College and also working as a waitress at Manny's. She was also involved with dance all her life. Sara was full of life and energy that she spread to everyone she was around. She was fun, vibrant, and outgoing, but words cannot describe how special of a person Sara was to her family and friends.



With the increase in violent behavior in the La Crosse community, Sara's family and friends feel that now is the time to spread more awareness through the Sara Rose Hougom Foundation to West Salem where Sara graduated in 2009. Careless acts of violence and vandalism have affected hundreds of area families. With this in mind we created this scholarship in her memory.

**PURPOSE:** To financially assist one graduating senior at West Salem High School for a major in Law Enforcement, Fire Fighting or other Public Service degree.

**CRITERIA:** The recipient must be accepted for enrollment in a college, university, or technical school program with a major focusing on Law Enforcement, Fire Fighting or Public Service. Preference will be given to students who have been actively involved in the community, hold at least a B average and show a passion for this field. This is a two year scholarship, if pending a satisfactory GPA.

**PROCESS:** The recipient will be selected by members of the Sara Rose Hougom Foundation Board with special consideration given to a student who has a passion for their field and has a financial need for the scholarship. Applications are due no later than March 31, 2024 and should be sent to:

WSHS Student Services Office  
West Salem High School  
490 N. Mark St.  
West Salem, WI 54669

**FUNDING:** The Sara Rose Hougom Foundation will provide a \$1,000.00 scholarship over a two year period. A check for \$500.00 written to the desired college and winning recipient in the fall of

2024. A \$500.00 check will be provided for the second year pending GPA from the first year of completion.

## **Sara Rose Hougom Scholarship Application**

Return this application no later than March 31st, 2024

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip:\_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.:\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What is your college or technical school plan? Be specific on the name and location of the Post-secondary institution you will be attending.
  
2. What is your intended course of study? (Major/ minor) What do you plan to do with that degree when you have finished your post-secondary education?
  
3. What are your hobbies or special interests?
  
4. What do you consider to be your strongest characteristic? Why?
  
5. What community service, community activities or outside of school activities have you been involved with in the last 4 years?
  
6. Please tell us a little about your senior exit paper and project. Briefly describe what you have learned about your topic and what you have learned about yourself.
  
7. Please attach a current copy of your high school transcripts and two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher and one from a non-family community member.

### **Our Mission:**

Promoting violence awareness and prevention, in honor of Sara Rose Hougom, providing positive opportunities by uniting and supporting area youth with community members, businesses and local authorities, to facilitate a brighter, safer future.