



Darin Martinez Scholarship

2021 Fact Sheet

This scholarship honors the memory of Darin Martinez, an English teacher at North Kansas City High School who was loved by both his students and his colleagues. It will assist a graduating senior who shows strength of character, perseverance, a solid work ethic and the ability to give it his/her all, even in the face of adversity. Darin lost his brave battle with squamous cell carcinoma on December 21, 2017. His wife Emily and sons Miles and Max continue to make their home in the North Kansas City School District, close to the school community that meant so much to him.

Deadline: Friday, April 16, 2021

Number of Recipients: At least one annually

Scholarship Amount: \$500-\$1,000

Eligibility:

- 1) You must be a graduating senior in North Kansas City High School's Class of 2021.
- 2) You must plan to pursue a degree at a technical school, community college or university.
- 3) You must have maintained a cumulative **GPA of 2.5** or higher during your high school career.

Required Documents:

- 1) Completed scholarship application
- 2) Official Grade Transcript indicating at least a **2.5 GPA**
- 3) Letter of recommendation from someone who can speak to your character: mentor, employer, coach or teacher. This letter does not need to come from someone affiliated with North Kansas City High School, but should **not** be from a family member or teacher within the English department.
- 4) Essay: Submit a typed 300-500 word essay discussing the role of perseverance and grit in your life. Select an obstacle, academic or otherwise, which you have faced and explain how you not only overcame it, but used it as a moment of character development or growth.

Process: The selection committee will consist of Darin's wife Emily Martinez, faculty from North Kansas City High School's English Department and a representative from NKC-NEA. The recipient will be recognized during the Senior Honors Program held in May.

Payment: Payment will be made directly to the college or university the recipient will attend, pending submission of a letter of acceptance and student identification number to the North Kansas Schools Education Foundation, which holds the funds for the Darin Martinez Scholarship.

**Darin Martinez Scholarship
2021 Application Form**

Applicant's Name: _____

High School ID Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Personal Email: _____

Post-Secondary School: _____

Major or Course of Study: _____

1st Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Place of Employment: _____ Title: _____

2nd Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Place of Employment: _____ Title: _____

Who is financing your education? _____

List other sources of financial aid and any financial circumstances you wish the committee to consider when evaluating your application:

Essay: *Please attach a type-written essay of 300-500 words.*

Discuss the role of perseverance and grit in your life. Select an obstacle, academic or otherwise, which you have faced and explain how you not only overcame it, but used it as a moment of character development or growth.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Please return your application form and submit all required documents by **Friday, April 16, 2021**, to:

**North Kansas City High School Counseling Office
620 E. 23rd Avenue
North Kansas City, MO 64116**