

Kaytlyn M. Thomas Memorial Scholarship



In remembrance of:

Kaytlyn M. Thomas was born on June 28, 2003; the third born in a family of six children. She lived her entire life in Mosinee. She was fun loving, easy-going, determined, and kind-hearted. She attended Mosinee schools where she was a very good student, classmate, and active in athletics.

Like her siblings Kaytlyn engaged in sports early on. Softball and figure skating came first, then cross-country, and volleyball. Kaytlyn participated in the yearly Silver Blades Skating Club Show for 10 years and in competitions like Badger State Games. She was also a proud member of the two-time Badger State Games gold medal Syncro team. When she wasn't playing sports, Kaytlyn was an enthusiastic supporter, cheering on her peers, friends, and siblings in Mosinee school sports.

Academically, Kaytlyn valued education, even though formal structured classes were not fun for her. Hanging out with friends was often the best part of her day. The classes that she excelled in included English, Chinese, Yoga, Art, Design Principles and Fashion Analysis. Her hard work earned her a 3.58 GPA.

Kaytlyn was also a vibrant fashionista; a thrift shopper with a flair for putting together amazing clothing combinations including makeup and accessories. She was extremely talented with makeup; Kaytlyn could "play" for hours creating new looks and artistic makeup designs. She often shared them in selfies on Instagram.

Following her 2021 graduation from Mosinee High School, Kaytlyn aspired to earn a Bachelor of Science in Fashion & Retail with a focus in Fashion Marketing at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Kaytlyn dreamed of taking her degree and experiences to New York City to become part of the high-end fashion world. Tragically, Kaytlyn died in a car crash in the summer of 2021 before she had the chance to make her dreams come true.

Kaytlyn's family is establishing this scholarship in her memory to support other creative Mosinee High School students who, like Kaytlyn, desire to take their dreams and talents to the next level by choosing to enter any degree program at UW-Stout or any Fashion & Retail, Art, Business with a marketing focus, or digital marketing at any University. Preferential treatment may be given to students majoring in fashion & retail, business, and/or marketing/retail at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Scholarship Number: 317

Contributor: Ron & Janelle Thomas Family & Kaytlyn Madison Thomas Memorial Foundation (KMTMF)

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Amount of Scholarship: \$2000

Scholarships to be awarded: 1

Qualifications:

- Applicants are seeking **any degree at the University of Wisconsin-Stout (UW-Stout)**
 - OR a **major in Fashion & Retail, Art, Business with a marketing focus, or digital marketing** at any University
- Must be attending as a Full-Time Student
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the end of their senior year of high school

Application Procedure:

- Applicants must complete General Application Information, General Application Questions, and check this scholarship under Community Scholarships, along with a short essay for each of the following:
 1. Kaytlyn wanted to change the fashion industry with her talents. How do you want to change your chosen area with your talents?
 2. Wrong way crashes, like the one that took Kaytlyn's life, are increasingly more common in our area. These tragedies present a real challenge to our Mosinee community. Please propose one idea that may help prevent wrong way drivers.
- Applicants must submit one letter of recommendation.

Selection Procedure:

- The MHS scholarship committee and a representative of the Thomas family or KMTMF will choose the recipient and an alternate.

Scholarship Administration:

- Scholarship monies will be awarded at the Senior Recognition Night in the form of a check made out to the recipient and the University they are attending.

Unused Scholarship:

- If the recipient does not attend college, the alternate will receive the money in the same manner as stipulated above.
- If there are no qualified applicants, no applications are received, or if neither recipient attends college, the funds shall be returned to the donor.