

Elizabeth Ann Burke (EAB)

Memorial College Scholarship

Application Form

HISTORY (HERSTORY)

Elizabeth Anne Burke was the mother of Barbara Burke Fondren, Co-founder (with her husband Glenn) of Community Montessori. She was an influential founding member of the Community Montessori Board of Directors. The future and current success of the school is directly attributable to her involvement in Community Montessori Charter Public School. She directly supported Barbara and Glenn Fondren from the very beginning by caring for their children (Kaitlin and Kasey) during the late evening hours and long weekends to start the school. She supported Barbara at auctions, repaired used furniture, painted and maintained materials, and consistently maintained/repaired/cleaned parts of the buildings to make a beautiful environment for all children and teens.

When planning and construction began on Phase I and II of the “Dream School”, Elizabeth consulted on all of the finishes of the building. During construction and up to days before her passing, she could be seen circling the building to make sure all was safe and sound. She supported the beautification of the outside environment with the fountain at the pond, benches, and the two bronze statues at the entrance of the school.

Elizabeth never met a stranger. Most families/learners who knew her, remembered her because of her kindness and willingness to listen and lend a hand. Within the community, Elizabeth would frequently support Random Acts of Kindness and was always aware of helping a person in need.



On December 3rd, 2009, Elizabeth suffered a major aneurism rupture in her brain. This vibrant, beautiful, kind person was not to recover and passed on December 6th, 2009. The family would like to memorialize her in an ongoing scholarship for graduating teens of Community Montessori. Family and friends of Elizabeth Burke make annual donations to keep this scholarship active.

Who is Eligible – Current graduating teens at Community Montessori Charter Public School in New Albany, Indiana who will attend a higher education institution.

General Information - Based on annual donations, the Community Montessori Board of Directors will host a random draw from all completed applications to award several \$500 scholarships at the February Open Board Meeting. Awarded applicants will notify the Grant administrator of the name of the higher education institution to be attended and the check will be made out to both the institution and the teen.

Application Deadline – January 30th (Elizabeth’s date of birth) of the year of the graduating class.

Random Acts of Kindness Plan – Please attach a plan on how you will support Random Acts of Kindness for the next year and beyond in our community and/or world. This can be an essay, PowerPoint, video, or other creative device that can be opened in standard format. We expect all applicants to commit to this endeavor.

