

## Daniel C. Palermo Spirit Award Application Form

The *Daniel C. Palermo Spirit Award* is a memorial scholarship. It was established in memory of Daniel C. Palermo, a 2007 graduate of Medfield High School. Daniel had just graduated and was to begin his freshman year at Northeastern University when he lost his life-long battle with Cystic Fibrosis. Those who had the privilege to know him remember with great admiration that he never let his illness keep him from experiencing all life had to offer. The spirit, determination, courage, and hope displayed throughout his life and his illness made Daniel a hero to those who knew him. He had a contagious spirit and personality that welcomed each person he met. Dan could brighten any day with his wonderful sense of humor and flair for the dramatic.

The award is made annually to a member of the Medfield High School Theatre Society, the club where Dan enjoyed much of his high school years and where he gained the respect of everyone. The recipient of this award is a member of the club who displays a strong moral character, a genuine respect for life, and a deep appreciation for family and friends. They are courteous, kind, and considerate to all. The winner personifies the true spirit of Dan - compassionate, optimistic, dependable, determined and hardworking with a bright spirit and a kind soul. Daniel had a love for life and lived each moment that life gave him. His strong 'warrior' spirit lives within the recipient of this award.

- This one-time scholarship of \$1000 is offered to a deserving Medfield High School senior.
- Scholarship funds are paid directly to recipient to be used for college-related expenses.
- Scholarship recipient selection will be made by Trustees of the scholarship. Input from the Theatre Society members and the Theatre Society Director will be considered.

Best of luck to all scholarship candidates and congratulations on your upcoming graduation!

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### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Medfield High School graduating senior
- Application must be a member of the Medfield High School Theatre Society
- Applicant must be accepted to and planning to attend a two or four-year college or university
- Applicant must demonstrate strength of character and involvement in community service
- Applicant exhibits characteristics of Daniel

### **Instructions**

- Complete application and essay
- Submit completed application to the MHS Guidance Department
- Application must be received by the deadline set by the MHS Guidance Department each year

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of college or university you plan to attend:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended major / Program of study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular activities/community service:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Essay**

Please submit a short essay (between 200-350 words) on how you display one of the following characteristics:

- a strong moral character
- a genuine respect for life
- a deep appreciation for family and friends