

# **Lisa Ewald Memorial Scholarship**

Lisa Ewald was a loving wife, mother and friend. Throughout the academic, athletic, and art careers of her three sons, Lisa would always be found at their games, meets, concerts, and events. Her passion to support them and stay involved led her to volunteer within the West Des Moines School District in a variety of ways. From being an elementary school classroom helper, to providing meals, to fund raising, Lisa was always available to lend a hand. Her most notable involvement was in the Valley Boosters Club where Lisa left a lasting impression as a true Valley Tiger supporter. During her time working with the Boosters Club, various Valley High School shirts, stadium chairs, and outerwear were developed and sold, many of which still are today.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Lisa lost her 5 year battle with cancer. She showed tremendous courage, strength, and grace during this time. Her determination and pride to see that all of her sons graduate high school and attend college was a goal she had set early in her diagnosis. This goal was met when her youngest son was a 2016 graduate of Valley High School and began his college undergraduate studies that same fall. Her spirit helped to carry him through the next four years and she would have been so proud to know he received his BA in May of 2020 to join his two brothers as graduates of the University of Iowa.

In honor of everything that Lisa accomplished in her volunteering, but also to recognize the qualities she possessed as a loving human being, a scholarship fund has been created in her name. The Lisa Ewald Memorial Scholarship will help carry forward her legacy and spirit by providing a VHS student an opportunity to pursue a college career and follow their dreams.

The Lisa Ewald Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to a West Des Moines Valley High School senior who has recently lost a parent or loved one to cancer. The scholarship will be awarded to the student who best exemplifies academic and extracurricular excellence and is an active member of the West Des Moines community. The scholarship will be in the amount of \$3,000.

## **Application Criteria**

1. VHS senior who has lost a parent, sibling, or loved one to cancer.
2. List any honors you have received.
3. What college will you attend, your major, and any extracurricular activities you plan on becoming involved in?
4. What career or life goals do you have in the first 10 years after you have received your degree and how will your undergraduate studies help you achieve these goals?
5. What have you learned through your loved one's illness and loss and what advice would you give to others who may currently be experiencing a similar circumstance?

To apply for this scholarship, please complete the WDMCS Student Scholarship Fund application by the stated deadline AND answer the above questions on a separate sheet. Turn both applications into Mrs. Gersdorf in the Valley Counseling office by the stated SSF deadline.