

## **The Sara Elizabeth Stubblefield Foundation**

The family and friends of Sara Elizabeth Stubblefield have established a foundation\* for the purpose of creating and awarding a scholarship in memory of Sara. Sara developed epilepsy as a high school junior, was valedictorian of her graduating class and was a 1996 honors graduate of Greenville College. She received a Masters Degree in Social Work from Washington University in 1998 and earned the designation of Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Sara was a fearless advocate for epilepsy education and research. She dedicated her life to making a difference for better care and treatment for people living with epilepsy. She had served for ten years as the Epilepsy Services Coordinator of the Epilepsy Foundation of Southern Illinois and was participating in the Epilepsy Foundation of America's annual Public Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. at the time of her unexpected death in March 2011 at 36 years of age.

Sara accepted her condition with grace and never allowed her condition to define her existence.

\*Note: The Sara Elizabeth Stubblefield Foundation is a not for profit corporation organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

### **Scholarship**

#### ***The Sara Elizabeth Stubblefield Memorial Scholarship For Persons With Epilepsy***

Vision: The Sara Elizabeth Stubblefield Memorial Scholarship will provide financial support for the pursuit of higher education to a student living with epilepsy, who demonstrates a strong commitment to her/his education, and perseverance in overcoming the obstacles that epilepsy may present.

## *About the Scholarship*

The Sara Elizabeth Stubblefield Memorial Scholarship is a one-year \$2,000 award, and will be given to a deserving student who meets the following criteria:

- Has epilepsy and is under a physician's care for epilepsy
- Is a college-bound or a vocational technical school bound high school senior residing in the State of Illinois
- Previous recipients currently enrolled and in good academic standing in an institution of higher education may also re-apply

This scholarship was created to honor Sara's life and her advocacy to ensure that "not another moment will be lost to seizures." Judges will award the scholarship to the student who meets the above criteria and who best fits the scholarship's vision.

### **Submission deadline:**

Applications for the Sara Elizabeth Stubblefield Memorial Scholarship must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2012.

Applications shall be submitted in typed form on 8 ½ x 11 paper, printed on only one side of the page, unfolded, and mailed via U.S. Postal Service in a 9 x 12 manila envelope.

Applications shall be mailed to: The Sara Elizabeth Stubblefield Foundation  
Att: Scholarship Committee  
c/o Matthew Flanigan  
Black, Hedin, Ballard, McDonald, P.C.  
108 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St.; P.O. Box 4007  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

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### **Information about the recipient selection process:**

The Sara Elizabeth Stubblefield Memorial Scholarship recipient will be selected by a committee of at least 5 reviewers using a point system. Applicants will be judged on various merits, including: how well the applicant meets the scholarship's vision, essays, letters of recommendation, academic merit, achievement and/or community service, and financial need.