

# The Avondale Foundation

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## Tammy Jo Bialosky Scholarship Fund Profile

**Restriction Description** –The intent of the Tammy Jo Bialosky Scholarship is to provide a scholarship for a graduating senior who has both (1) demonstrated excellence in the field of history at Avondale High School, and (2) embodied Tammy’s passion for learning.

**Background** – Tammy Jo Bialosky obtained her undergraduate degree from Wheaton College, a law degree from Northwestern University and a Masters of Education from John Carroll University. After law school, Tammy enjoyed a successful career as a lawyer at Thompson Hine in Cleveland, a prestigious, national law firm. She traded this for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of teenagers as a high school teacher. In 2000 Tammy accepted a position at Avondale High School to teach advanced placement history. As an Avondale educator, Tammy influenced the lives of Avondale High School staff, colleagues and students. In 2005 she was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer which she battled with grace, determination and courage. Unfortunately, she lost her battle with cancer in 2006. Throughout her battle with cancer, she drew great comfort and strength from her relationships with Avondale students, teachers and staff.

**Fund-Raising Responsibility** – Primary responsibility for fund raising belongs to the family and friends of Tammy Jo Bialosky. The Avondale Foundation will support their fund-raising efforts by listing this fund along with other funds managed by the Foundation.

**Investment of Funds** - The Avondale Foundation will manage unspent funds until such time as they are awarded. Any investment earning will also be restricted for use by this fund.

**Awarding Scholarships** - The scholarship recipient will be determined by a Scholarship Committee consisting of the Avondale High School principal, the chair of the social studies department and David L. Bialosky (Tammy’s husband) from the top three applications selected by the principal and chair of the social studies department.

**Disbursement of Funds** - All funds will be disbursed for tuition with the approval of the Avondale Foundation Board. Checks will be made out jointly in the name of the award recipient and the college or university attended by the award recipient.

**Dissolution of Fund** - If, for any reason, the restriction above can no longer be met, any unspent funds will be transferred to the Avondale Foundation Endowment Fund.

Approved:

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Chairman, Avondale High School Social Studies Dept

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Date

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President, Avondale Foundation

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# **Tammy Jo Bialosky Scholarship**

## **Procedures for awarding scholarship**

**Eligibility requirements** – The applicant must:

- Be a resident of the Avondale School District and a senior at Avondale High School
- Have received a “B” or better in at least one honors or AP history class at Avondale High School or, in the case of students receiving special services, must have otherwise demonstrated excellence in the field of history
- Have demonstrated the passion for learning and empathy for others embodied by Tammy Jo Bialosky
- Have plans to attend an accredited four-year college or university or, in the case of students receiving special services, an accredited two-year college.
- Maintain a cumulative 3.0 or above grade point average, both during high school and college

**Applications**– Applications will be made available to the Avondale High School Counseling Office for issuance to eligible students. Applications will be accepted October through March at the Avondale High School Counseling Office or as determined annually by the Foundation.

**Scholarship Committee:**

The committee’s primary responsibilities are to:

- Evaluate applications
- Interview applicants if necessary
- Select the new award recipient
- Determine the amounts of the award
- Approve annual applications for scholarship continuation
- Recommend disbursements to the Avondale Foundation Board.

**Amount of Award** – To be decided annually by the Scholarship Committee based on available funds. Each year one scholarship of up to \$10,000 will be awarded. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the scholarship will be payable on September 1 of each year during which the student is enrolled in an accredited four-year college, provided the student has maintained at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average. In the case of an award to a student receiving special services to attend a two-year college, fifty percent (50%) of the scholarship will be payable on September 1 of each year during which the student is enrolled in an accredited two-year college, provided the student has maintained at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average. The cumulative grade point average will be determined as of the end of the previous academic year. The award recipient will be responsible for providing a certified copy of his or her college transcript to the Scholarship Committee after the completion of his or her freshman, sophomore and junior years in order to obtain subsequent disbursements of the scholarship.

In exceptional circumstances, the Scholarship Committee will have the authority to split the award into scholarships for two recipients provided that the total of both awards may not exceed \$10,000.