

Erica Davis Memorial Scholarship Award

Erica Davis spent 7 years with First Stage as a member of the Marketing staff (2011-2018). She embodied the qualities everyone wishes they had. She was *funny, loyal, bold, caring, and a born leader*. She was always *ready to take charge*. She had firsthand knowledge of the power theater has in changing lives. Not only did she work for First Stage, but her children attended the Academy and have taken these skills out into the world. She fought her illness with so much *grace, humor, and fierce determination*. She may have lost the battle, but she never gave up the fight.

The Erica Davis Memorial Scholarship Award is a one-time scholarship of \$500 to a student who displays a commitment to serving others (in school, their community, or at home), has a strong work ethic and leadership qualities, and embodies the ideas within the First Stage Cheer.

"I Can't" is Not in my Vocabulary

I Take Risks

I Conquer my Fears

I am Not Afraid to Lead

The intent of this award is to support one student's next step after high school graduation, whether that be to attend school, invest in a passion, take a trip - anything that will utilize the skills learned at First Stage to help the individual pursue a dream.

Qualifications

Applicants must be:

- A graduating High School Senior
- An alumni of the First Stage Theater Academy or have experience as a First Stage Young Performer

Strong Applicants would:

- Demonstrate a desire to make a meaningful contribution to society both present and future
- Be involved in a balance of community, school and work activities
- Pursue goals and aspirations with grace, humor, and wit
- Demonstrate leadership characteristics and/or assumed leadership positions
- Exhibit fierce determination when faced with hardship

Application Details

- Email completed applications to Betsy Corry, bcorry@firststage.org.
- The deadline to apply for the 2019 Award is June 30, 2020. Winner will be notified of scholarship on or before August 1, 2020.
- Please consult the IRS rules when filing, as this award may be considered taxable income to the recipient.

Decisions about this award are made without regard to race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, physical or mental disability, marital or veteran status, or any other classification protected by law. First Stage is committed to dismantling structures that may prevent ALL people from applying for this award. First Stage celebrates the richness of our world by cultivating Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity as they inspire the creativity that nurtures great art, artists and audiences.

Award winner will be asked to create a one-page document detailing how the award was used and will be asked to present at a future First Stage event.

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2020 Application

Please list your past/present leadership experience and service involvements. In what ways would you like to become more involved in the community?

Erica Davis possessed many wonderful characteristics, she was: *funny, loyal, bold, caring, and a born leader*. Briefly describe how you personally align with or strive to improve these characteristics.

In what specific ways will you use these funds to share the ideas within the First Stage Cheer with the broader community?