In April 2006, Elora, a 7th grader in the North Allegheny school district, lost her life after a courageous battle with Leukemia. Though she had a variety of special needs, Elora loved 5K races. She would arrive long after everyone had crossed the finish line – but that never stopped her from encouraging others along the way. Elora brought out the best in others and Elora’s H.O.P.E. wants to continue Helping Others to Persevere and Endure.

The Elora’s H.O.P.E. Scholarship Fund was created at The Pittsburgh Foundation to provide scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in Special Education who plan to teach. The following criteria will apply:

1. Recipient will be a student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in Special Education with the intention to use their degree to teach.
2. Must be enrolled at Slippery Rock University, University of Pittsburgh, Chatham University, Duquesne University, or LaRoche College.
3. Must be a resident of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, or Westmoreland County.
4. Demonstrate financial need.
5. Submit a 1-2 page essay that addresses all of the following:
   a. What life experiences have you had that inspired you to pursue a degree in special education?
   b. Describe your educational and professional goals.
   c. How will this award impact you with regards to your studies/career path? If applicable, describe any family/financial issues that may be relevant.

Finalists for the scholarship may be contacted by the committee to interview for the award. Final selection of the scholarship winners will be decided (subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of The Pittsburgh Foundation) by the Scholarship Advisory Committee. No member of the Advisory Committee, or his or her immediate family, is eligible for scholarship assistance during his or her tenure on the Advisory Committee.

The Pittsburgh Foundation shall notify the chosen scholarship recipient(s) of its decision. The scholarship payment will be made after The Pittsburgh Foundation’s June Board Meeting, and after the student verifies the school he or she will be attending. Payment will be made to the school for the student.
Elora’s H.O.P.E. Scholarship
Application

Date: _________________

Name: ________________________________________
(please do not use nicknames)

Undergraduate/Graduate Students: ___________________________
(Student ID# assigned by College)

Home Address: ______________________________________________________________

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County: ____________________________________

E-mail: _______________

Telephone #: (______) ___________ County: __________________________

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current College/University: ___________________________

Address: __________________________________

Month/Year of Graduation: ______________ GPA: ______________

Current Year in School: __junior __senior __ graduate student

Institution at which to use scholarship: ___________________________

Major: ___________________________

Cost of Tuition: ______________

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you anticipate receiving financial assistance or scholarships from any other sources, please
describe them, including the amounts expected, below:

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CURRENT WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Please list current employment or volunteer experience:

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HONORS

What special recognition have you received for outstanding school and/or community work, such as honors, prizes or scholarships?

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APPLICANT ESSAY

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GENERAL

Please attach the following to your application:

1. Essay
2. A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR)

Mail completed applications by June 30 to:

Deborah Turner
Scholarship Coordinator
The Pittsburgh Foundation
5 PPG Place, Suite 250
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
(412) 394-2649

Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Considered