

## Kids' Chance Awards 56 Scholarships for 2015-2016 Year

Since our inception in 1997, Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania has provided over **688** scholarships for a cumulative total of **\$1,529,000**. Scholarships for the 2015-2016 school year were awarded to **56** students, totaling **\$184,000**. Many of the students, due to unfortunate circumstances beyond their control, would not have been able to attend college were it not for our support. The positive impact we are able to provide affects not only the student directly, but their families and communities as well.

We are very proud of our students. They exemplify the strength and ambition of our younger generation and the amazing potential of our country's future. The Kids' Chance of PA Board of Directors thanks you for your support.

Please save the dates for our annual events: the 5/10K Walk Run events in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg on Saturday, October 1, 2016 and Sunday October 2, 2016 respectively, and at our <u>upcoming Golf Outing</u> and Recognition Luncheon on May 15, 2016 at the Hershey Country Club. These events have proven to be highly successful in their own rights in spreading the word about Kids' Chance, and we look forward to the fun and camaraderie they will bring in 2016.



## Highlights – 2016-2017 Scholarship Application Available

It's that time of year again and we are excited to share that the Kids' Chance of PA Scholarship Application is open!

Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc. is a non-profit organization that was established in 1997 to provide scholarship grants for post-secondary education to dependent children of Pennsylvania workers who have been seriously or fatally injured in a work-related accident.

The scholarship application can be completed online through the Kids' Chance website at <u>apply.kidschanceofpa.org</u>. The application deadline is April 15, 2016. Please send this along to your colleagues, friends and family right away so they don't miss out!



## **Student Center**

"I cannot even begin to explain how extremely thankful I am.

I grew up with a life different than most kids my age. My dad is a partial paraplegic and has been that way my entire life. Although he couldn't throw a baseball with me or do other things that most dads can do, he gives me his whole heart every day. Having a parent with a disability is not a disadvantage for me; I think of it as a blessing. My dad has taught me strength and determination, which are skills I will carry with me for the rest of my life, in and out of the work field.

That being said, having a parent with a disability is a disadvantage for the parent. It makes it hard or impossible to work, which leads to financial struggles. My parents have done their best to provide me with a comfortable life filled with many



opportunities. When it comes to college, though, it is up to me to figure out how to fund my education. This scholarship is going to help me tremendously by limiting the amount of loans I would need to take out, while still allowing me to enjoy college to the fullest.

So all I can say is, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, for giving me the opportunity to learn and not have to worry about how I can afford it financially. You are giving me more than money; you are giving me opportunity to have an education. As a woman in the 21st century, I treasure the ability to learn and this opportunity that was so generously given to me. I can promise you that I will make the most of it.

Thank you for changing my life in the best way possible. Great day to be a CUA Cardinal!!"

With so much thanks, Allison Catholic University of America

Read about other Kids' Chance scholarship recipients

## About Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania

The mission of Kids' Chance of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Kids' Chance of PA) is to provide scholarship grants for college and vocational education to children of Pennsylvania workers who have been killed or seriously injured in a work-related accident resulting in financial need.

The hardships created by the death or serious disability of a parent often include financial ones, making it difficult for deserving young people to pursue their educational dreams.

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