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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BRONXVILLE

# ERICA SEVILLA SERVICE AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

**AWARDED IN 2024** 

### About Erica Sevilla

Erica Sevilla was a President of the Junior League of Bronxville (JLB) who sadly passed away from breast cancer in October 2019. She was a passionate volunteer-leader in our community and lived our vision of "Mobilizing Women to Ignite and Inspire Community Change." Beyond her contributions through the JLB, Erica was a wife, mother, daughter, sister and true friend to everyone that was blessed to know her.

## About the Scholarship

Through her volunteer work in the JLB, Erica advocated for and directly assisted those in need. Her family and friends, in her passing, donated to a Service Award in Erica's honor so that her impact can live on and benefit those who Erica cared for so much. To facilitate that goal, each year the JLB will award two, \$1,500 scholarships to young women who are furthering their higher education and reflect the values of not only Erica and her family, but also those of the League.

#### Who?

Scholarship eligibility is specific to college-bound women who are participants of either The Guidance Center of Westchester and/or Yonkers Partners In Education. Erica was a great believer in these two organizations and a strong supporter of the JLB's annual Dorm Drive. The scholarship criteria reflect both her personal values and the value the JLB places on the strength of these two important community partners.

#### Where?

Students who plan to pursue a technical, vocational, associate's or bachelor's degree are eligible to apply. Online coursework may also be acceptable, if through an accredited institution.

#### When?

Selections will be made by April 1, 2024, and recipients will be notified via the <a href="mailto:Scholarships@jlbronxville.org">Scholarships@jlbronxville.org</a> email. The two award recipients are encouraged to attend the JLB's Service & Scholarship Award Ceremony to be held on April 25, 2024 from 7-9 pm, where they will have an opportunity to interact with other 2024 scholarship winners as well as JLB membership. (Further details to follow.)

#### How?

<u>Applications are due by January 31, 2024</u> and should be submitted via the online form on our website (<u>www.jlbronxville.org</u>) and per the below instructions. The primary component will be a personal essay that shares the following:

How have you been personally inspired by a female figure in your life (family, teacher, volunteer, etc.) to make a positive change in your community? Describe the impact you have made.

We ask that in addition to the online form, two recommendation letters also be submitted on behalf of the applicants (these can be in email format). At least one letter should come from a staff member at our partner organization (TGCW or YPIE) and the other can be from either a school, community/service organization or personal contact. These letters should be sent to the attention of Denise Connolly, JLB Scholarships Chair 2023-2024, at scholarships@jlbronxville.org.

#### What?

Prior to any check being distributed, recipients will need to provide an acceptance/welcome letter from their school and also share the mailing address of the registrar's office, where the check will be sent.