



**Westport Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)**  
**The Missy DaSilva Special Education Memorial Scholarship**

In loving memory of Missy DaSilva, a 2008 graduate of Westport High School, whose life was defined by grace, courage, and determination. Missy faced significant physical challenges yet never allowed her disability to limit her dreams. A committed student, she completed her associate's degree and quietly but powerfully advocated for inclusion, always wishing to experience the world as fully as her siblings. Missy's legacy lives on through her family's mission to spread acceptance, opportunity, and success for students of all abilities. By receiving this scholarship, you honor Missy's memory and help continue her vision of inclusion and a pathway to success for all abilities.



The Westport SEPAC, offers 2 - \$500 scholarships to graduating Westport High Seniors who can show that they qualify in one or more of the following ways:

1. The student has a 504 or IEP Plan and are continuing their education at a college, university or trade school.
2. The student is pursuing a degree in special education.
3. The student has volunteered in a unified sport, club, Special Olympics OR another inclusive program.

Applicants should complete the attached application and submit required documents to [westportsepac@gmail.com](mailto:westportsepac@gmail.com). All applications are due by May 1st.



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**Instructions:**

1. Complete the form below.
2. Attach a copy of your transcript or school record
3. Attach a short essay about What Inclusion or Unified means to you. Write about a life experience or share a story.
4. Include one letter of reference from a teacher or guidance counselor.
5. Email all to [westportsepac@gmail.com](mailto:westportsepac@gmail.com). Applications due by May 1st.

Applicant Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Qualification: Must choose one.**

- Do you have a 504 or IEP Plan and are you continuing your education at a college, university or trade school? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes- what school and what are you studying? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you pursuing a degree in special education? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes- what school and what are you studying? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you volunteered in a unified sport, club, Special Olympics OR another inclusive program. \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes- Please list where and your role: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Questions:**

What School Activities including clubs, social committees or sports did you partake in and the nature of the participation? :

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What Type of Jobs, if any have you held and the place of employment?:

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What Community Activities or Volunteering if any were you a part of?:

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