

# Lacey Catherine Kerner Memorial Scholarship

1. **History of the scholarship:** The scholarship was established in memory of Lacey Catherine Kerner by her family and friends.
2. **Purpose of the Scholarship:** The purpose of the scholarship is to support a young woman graduating from Linden High School in pursuit of a post secondary degree.
3. **Scholarship:** \$1,000.00 ( One Thousand Dollars)
  - Non –renewable
  - Scholarship to be paid directly to the educational institution, and may be used for tuition or room and board.
4. **Eligible Applicants:** Any female Linden High School senior who has: 1) attended Linden High School for four (4) years; 2) graduated from Linden High school; 3) been accepted to attend a college or university ( an official letter of acceptance must accompany the application).
5. **Criteria for selection:** Character, Scholastics, Involvement in co – curricular programs (i.e. student leadership, performing arts, athletics), long term goal(s), and community service. The applicant must: A) complete the required essay; B) provide two (2) letters of recommendation; C) attach a final Educational Development Plan (EDP); **D) orally present their Senior Exit Presentation to the selection committee.**
6. **Selection Procedure:** A selection committee consisting of Lacey’s friends, school personnel, and other professionals will select the recipient. The committee may seek input from other sources.
7. **Application deadline:** Friday, March 22, 2019
8. **Award announcement:** Senior Honors Assembly  
Friday, May 31, 2019

# Lacey Catherine Kerner

October 17, 1972 – June 25, 2004

Lacey Kerner determined who she was and where she was going based on her experiences and knowledge of life. Throughout her high school years, Lacey took every opportunity to learn more about our world and her place in it. She went to Europe with her German class and spent numerous summers on the East Coast working as a nanny. In school she participated in multiple activities including Leadership Academy, Student Council, Prom Committee, Cross Country and Track. She was an avid fan of the Linden Eagles athletic teams and enthusiastically attended many games, even serving as manager of the varsity volleyball team. Lacey was a popular student with a smile for everyone; her kindness and approachability made her the person in school who was universally liked by all factions of students and faculty.

After four years at Michigan State, and armed with a B.S. degree in statistics, Lacey followed a dream and moved to New York City to pursue a career in marketing research. While Lacey was able to succeed due to her strong will (which also allowed her to complete two New York City marathons), her determination was disguised by her ability to touch people (regardless of their social stature) with her kind, generous and upbeat spirit.

Lacey married and settled on Long Island to raise a family. She was successful in this as well, becoming a loving and devoted wife and mother. However, despite living on Long Island, she bristled at being called a "New Yorker;" in her heart, she would always be a Michigander.

Lacey Kerner was not perfect. No one is! However, Lacey's willingness to challenge herself, to take a risk, to grow from failure, and to always try to learn more about herself and the people around her, set Lacey apart and made her impact on this world an extraordinary one.

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## Character Essay Question

Character is revealed by asking people about personal perceptions..... It is also revealed by asking people what they stand for and believe.

Answer the following question with a 1 – 2 page essay double spaced:

### Question

Discuss an influential female who has helped shape your character. This may be a person you know, a historical or cultural figure, an educational influence, etc. How and why has she affected who you are today and what were the circumstances leading up to this shift?