



Suzanne Billings

MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP

2018 Letter of Reference

Dear _____, (*print your reference name*)

_____ (*print your name*) is an applicant for the Suzanne Billings Memorial Scholarship. Suzanne Billings was a pediatric social worker who dedicated much of her professional life to working with families of children with kidney disease. Suzanne was integral in the development of NW Kidney Kids and served as President of the Board from 2013 until her death in 2017. Suzanne radiated joy and pride in her kidney kids' accomplishments; she was a true champion for her families and is beloved and missed by all whose lives she enriched over the years.

In the spirit of Suzanne's life work, a scholarship has been established to promote independence and self-empowerment. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist in the development of skills and knowledge to facilitate lifelong self-sufficiency for a "kidney kid". These funds can be used to support the higher education or technical training of a young adult with kidney disease.

The Suzanne Billings Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually by NW Kidney Kids in keeping with its mission to encourage young people with kidney disease to realize their potential and embrace their future. For the academic year 2018-19 one applicant will be awarded \$2500.

Please provide a letter (max 250 words) describing your relationship with the applications. Please speak to their character and how this applicant embodies the spirit of the scholarship.

Send this cover sheet with your letter directly to the scholarship committee at scholarship@nwkidneykids.org by the scholarship deadline of March 1, 2018.

If you have immediate questions you can contact, Jill Brown, Executive Director, (503) 893-5671 or jill@nwkidneykids.org.

Thank you,

NW Kidney Kids Scholarship Committee