

The Kristin Alana Harder Memorial Scholarship

Kristin Alana Harder

Kristin Alana Harder was born March 5, 1977, in Independence, Missouri, to John and Mildred Harder. Two older brothers, Glen and Kevin, welcomed her into the family. Kristin was a very lovable and loving child who was quite creative in writing and art. Kristin had a wonderful sense of humor that drew many people to her. She was very brave and adventurous. Also, she had a keen appreciation for all that is beautiful in life.

Kristin was an active member of the Pleasant Heights Congregation and Santa Fe Stake. She was in Skylarks, Orioles, Zioners, and Zion's League. She attended many camps and retreats and took an exchange student from France to Sports Spectacular. She participated in numerous worship services, primarily through readings and prayers.

Kristin had a passion for music. She took piano lessons for ten years and became quite accomplished. In the fifth grade, Kristin began playing the violin; in her senior year, she was the concertmistress of the Truman High School orchestra. Also, Kristin loved to dance and enjoyed listening to a wide variety of music.

Kristin learned the difference between interest and commitment. When you are interested in something, you do it only when it is convenient; when you are committed, you accept no excuses, only results. After failing to make the Freshman Cheerleading squad, she took acrobatics lessons. In her sophomore year, she made the junior varsity cheerleading squad. In her junior year, she was a girls' varsity cheerleader. In her senior year, she was co-captain of the boys' varsity cheerleading squad.

Kristin achieved many honors in her high school academics. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the French National Honor Society, and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. Other high school activities included participation in AFS, student council, French Club, and Spirit Club.

Some of Kristin's greatest achievements came in college; she attended the University of Richmond, VA. The University of Richmond has highly selective admission requirements and a relatively small enrollment. When she arrived on campus, Kristin didn't know anyone. When she graduated four years later, she had many wonderful friends. Kristin graduated from the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; she had a major in marketing and a minor in French.

Kristin was quite involved in student life at the University of Richmond. She played violin in the university orchestra, was a disc jockey for the university radio station, was a member of Alpha Chi Omega social sorority, was a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity, and was involved in activities with Habitat for Humanity. During the spring semester of her junior year, Kristin studied at the University of Paris as part of the University of Richmond's study abroad program.



After she graduated in May 1999, Kristin turned down several job offers on the east coast and came back to the Independence to be close to her family and friends. She was employed by Cyber Data Processing, an internet billing company. The president of the company was so impressed with Kristin during her interview that he created a job for her. Kristin really loved her work and the people with whom she worked; they loved her too. She brought a spirit of hard work, excitement, fun, and integrity to all she did.

Kristin was killed on March 11, 2000, as a result of massive internal injuries she suffered after being thrown from the back of a friend's motorcycle. About four hundred fifty people attended Kristin's memorial service at Pleasant Heights including people from many Christian denominations, Hindus, Muslims, and Jews; this is an example of how Kristin could bring people of many backgrounds together.

Kristin accomplished much and touched many lives for the better during her twenty-three years. She cannot be replaced. However, her family and friends who created the Kristin Alana Harder Memorial Scholarship at the Pleasant Heights Congregation hope that Kristin's spirit will live on in the lives of those touched by this scholarship and that they in turn will accomplish much good in the lives of all those that they touch.

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Scholarship Considerations:

In loving memory of Kristin Alana Harder, John, Mildred, Glen, and Kevin Harder established the Kristin Alana Harder Memorial Scholarship at the Pleasant Heights Congregation of the Community of Christ. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students from the Pleasant Heights Congregation who are pursuing education beyond the high school level. Another purpose of the scholarship is to keep alive the memory of one of the Pleasant Heights Congregations' best scholars, thereby encouraging others to pursue excellence in their own personal development.

Applicants must meet the following criteria for scholarship consideration:

1. The individual is a member of the Pleasant Heights Congregation.
2. The individual is/will be a full time student in an accredited university, college, or post secondary vocational school.
3. The individual has maintained a 2.5 grade point average on a 4 point scale in high school or college.
4. The individual exhibits active participation in community service projects.
5. The individual demonstrates personal financial responsibility.
6. The individual is not related to John and Mildred Harder.

When multiple candidates are being considered, preference shall be given to an individual attending a college, university, or post secondary vocational school other than Graceland University. Further preference will be given to individuals that can document on the application form the following attributes:

- Is active in music (band, orchestra, piano, vocal).
- Studies a foreign language (not necessarily a major).
- Has achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4 point scale in high school or college.

This application form must be completed and returned to the Scholarship Review Committee, Stewardship Commissioner or Pastor.



The Kristin Alana Harder Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Birth Date:	
E-Mail:	Member of Pleasant Heights Congregation Since:	
High School:	Graduation Date:	GPA:

College, University or Vocational School:		
Registrar Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Major Area of Study:	Phone:	
	Fax:	
Undergraduate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate Studies: <input type="checkbox"/>	

List below ways in which you have been involved in Community Service Projects, Clubs, Extracurricular Activities and the Pleasant Heights Community of Christ Congregation. (Include Leadership Roles)

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<p>List below any instruments you can play or musical groups you have participated in (band, orchestra, piano, vocal).</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>List studies in a foreign language. Proficiency / Not necessarily a major.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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List below ways in which you have exercised personal financial responsibility. (Tithing Statement, Budgeting, Savings)

Signature:	Date:
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