



Caitlin Connor

Why did you apply for this scholarship?

“There was a financial mix-up and I was facing difficulties with affording Hofstra. My mother also is waiting news on whether or not she has cancer.”

How has it changed your life since receiving this scholarship?

“My first month at Hofstra was a difficult transition. The scholarship from Anita has made this trying time less painful as well as alleviated some of my stress.”

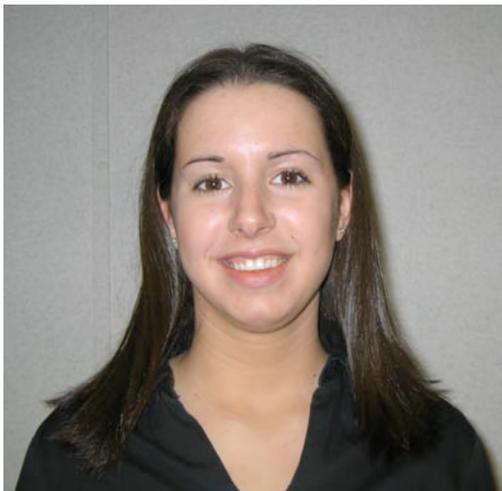
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James W. Ellis, Jr. Scholarship

In honor of Anita Ellis' father who had colon cancer this scholarship was established in 1997. This scholarship helps students who have had cancer touch their lives. This scholarship has raised over \$400,000 and has helped a total of 350 students with their college education.



Elizabeth Arata

Junior

Why did you apply for this scholarship?

“Because my family needed a little help financially. My mom had cancer and my dad was busy paying for the hospital bills for surgery and chemotherapy for my mom.”

How has it changed your life since receiving this scholarship?

“It let me know that somebody cared a lot. I was ready to leave Hofstra my freshman year, but after talking to Anita about this scholarship I completely changed my mind. This scholarship has helped out my whole family and because of it I am working harder in classes to give back to Anita what she gave me.”

Sarah Voska

Why did you apply for this scholarship?

“After my father passed away, and my mother recovering from cancer, I had financial problems that left me short money for payments of school.”

How has it changed your life since receiving this scholarship?

“The scholarship has allowed me to finish school. More importantly, it has taught me to never give up in life or in myself.”

Rachel Velasco

Why did you apply for this scholarship?

“This is a scholarship that is given to students who have family members who have cancer, have had cancer, or have passed away from cancer. My mother is a breast cancer survivor and my aunt passed away last September.”

How has it changed your life since receiving this scholarship?

“This scholarship has helped me to finance my education at Hofstra and I am grateful to Anita Ellis for giving it to me.”



Obukannwa Okoro

Senior

Why did you apply for this scholarship?

“My youngest brother passed away from cancer and I was unable to continue school.”

How has it changed your life since receiving this scholarship?

“The scholarship has lightened my financial load with tuition and books making it easier for me to concentrate on school work.”