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APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2024

Elissa Lippen/Matthew Helm Memorial Scholarship \$500 Award

DESCRIPTION

Originally created in 1995, the scholarship was created as a legacy to honor and celebrate the lives of two close friends who lost their life together in a fire in 1995. Elissa Lippen and Matthew Helm were childhood sweethearts who graduated from Fallsburg Central High School in June 1991. Elissa graduated from Dean College in Franklin, Massachusetts, and later LIM College in Manhattan. Both lived in New York City after college. Elissa was employed by Henri Bendel, an upscale women's specialty store in Manhattan; she dreamed of owning her own boutique one day. Matthew Helm was from Woodridge. He was a student at Pace University and worked as a counselor at Cumberland House. He was an accomplished guitarist and performed in various clubs. Elissa and Matthew sadly lost their lives because of a fire that ravaged Elissa's Upper West Side apartment on March 18, 1995.

CRITERIA

- Must be a graduating Fallsburg Central high school senior, continuing their education by majoring in Art or Psychology
- Must have community service involvement
- Must submit a 250 to 500 word essay on why you feel you are deserving and explain your future plans
- 80+ average



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