



Paula Gavelda Life Scholarship

2026 Application For “Following Your Dream”

The Paula Gavelda Life Scholarship: (\$500 annually) will be awarded to a high school senior who follows their dream by virtue of their love of family and friendship for others, their kindness and generosity, their true spirit and trueness to self, and their effort to support everyone whose comes into their life, however briefly.

Paula Gavelda was a 1973 graduate of Fairport Harding High School. Throughout her life she faced many challenges, but never let any of those hinder her dreams. She was a very creative individual and with determination she became a successful marathon runner, a talented artist and a fun loving spirit who brought a smile and laughter to all she touched in her work and life.



Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Siblings: _____

List your extra-curricular activities during high school:

List any activities or community services that you have participated in outside of school:

What are your plans after you graduate from FHS?

What do you consider to be the most valuable advantage of growing up in Fairport Harbor?



In a brief I-2 page typewritten essay, please respond to the following comments:

- Describe the dream that you would pursue if you if you were to be awarded the [*Paula Gavelda Life Scholarship*](#).
- Describe how you would use the scholarship money to help achieve that dream.
- Describe how you might touch people along the way of working to make your dream a reality.
- Submit your Application to the Guidance office by the first Friday in May.

Use any of your experiences from Fairport Harbor, your family and friends, your ideas about the 70s, your own personal challenges, and don't hesitate to use any of the fun, creative spirit that lives within yourself!

