



Audi Gerstein Scholarship





Megan Roberts

\$1,000 Scholarship Recipient



“Recently I have dealt with a difficult time in my life. It put me on hold and made me step back for a while. This period of time has provided me with a different perspective on life. I realize now that life is a precious gift and should be handled delicately, but also lived to the fullest. I understand now that one should not be afraid to live, but merely cautious. It is more useful to live life the way one desires, whether it is on the edge or calmly, because one never knows what may happen. However, it does not do one any good to dwell on the difficult times, or the unknown.





Katy Miller

\$100 Book Award



“I was diagnosed with ITP at the age of 12 and it has had an impact on every aspect of my life. I am soft-spoken but strong willed; quiet but determined; unique, but wonderfully made. It took many years of various infusions, experimental treatments, procedures and surgeries to settle on regular IVIg treatments to keep me symptoms at bay. In the middle of high school, I struggled with the fact that I was “different”. At an age of insecurities, changing friendships, and self discovery, I felt like an outsider.





Diego Miranda \$100 Book Award



“When I was around 10 years old, my life was mostly dedicated to sports and outdoor play. In the summer of 2004, I was in my dad’s home town of Cueravacca, Mexico when I got sick.”

Knowing that I could not play or participate in any physical activity was devastating. But this upset led to my discovery of a new kind of play: music, especially the guitar.

I have to say that ITP or what I call “**I Think Positive” is the best thing that has ever happened to me; It gave me music. I am positive that I will recover and heal others. For this, I am grateful to play.”**





Lindsey Lam

\$100 Book Reward



“As a teenage girl trying to get through all the high school drama, which was only exasperated more by health issues, I soon realized that there were a lot of elements in my life that I had no control of. I realized before long that I could very easily focus on the health issues and let them consume my thought, my life, and my dreams. Instead, I chose to push them to the periphery, and not let them define me. That attitude is something that I have carried with me for a long time. It is rooted in the support of my family and friends, and my amazing husband.”

