

ERIN GAFFNEY ANNUAL AWARD

“On May 19, 2007, Erin Gaffney was awarded her MA in Arts Management. She graduated second in her class with a 3.92 GPA. While here in our Program, she received the very first Dean’s award at the honors reception for Arts Management. She was accepted and completed the Oxford University Honors Program. She created and implemented the very first Filmmakers Film Festival here at MASON and was instrumental in guiding the professional community of filmmakers and the academic community here at the University in creating the Friends of Film.

Erin was, like all of our Arts Management students, a very special human being. A passion for the arts, for life, a concern for her fellow-man, for family, for decency and for the very best in performance and exhibition, Erin knew how to find joy and promote hope. She was that lighted candle in the dark. Her beauty transcended the physical and was very evident in the way she lived, the way she transacted her daily life and the way she related to each and every one of us.

For just a moment on July 10, 2008, that candle moved to a different place and all appeared dark. Erin passed away – a victim of a tumor that overwhelmed her brain but never her spirit – even to the very end. Erin’s spirit remains with all of us that were blessed to know her personally and so that candle now has done what each of us has the power to do and that is to pass along the potential of being a light to others. So Erin lives on – in the hearts of her family, friends, fellow students and in the Arts Management Program.” (Richard Kamenitzer, Program Director-Arts Management, July 11, 2008)

Applicant Name: _____ Date: ___/___/___
(Please print)

Eligibility: An MA in Arts Management degree holder or candidate that will receive their degree in the academic year that starts on August 25 of the preceding calendar year and ends on August 24 of the current calendar year.

Award: monetary (to be presented at the awards ceremony in May of the current calendar year)

[Please attach to this application form: 1. A completed application form and; 2. an essay of no more than one thousand (1,000) words (Times New Roman 12 point font, single-spaced – with your name on each page) about **why receiving this award is important to you and to how you believe your life can inspire, transform and convey the values that have made Erin Gaffney’s life a symbol of the degree you so proudly bear and share with her.** You are to e-mail this application and essay to: the Program Director: rkamenit@gmu.edu. It is to be received by no later than 4PM on April 15 of the current calendar year. The winning essay will be published in the next Arts Management Newsletter and the author of the winning essay agrees to permit the publication of this essay in such places as may best serve the purpose of promoting the Program and the values and the memory of Erin Gaffney, as determined by the Program Director]

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE ERIN GAFFNEY AWARD

NAME:

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Current mailing address:

Current telephone number:

When did the applicant begin their Arts Management Program of Study at MASON?
_____ Semester _____ Calendar Year

Activities that the applicant believes have enhanced the reputation of the Arts Management Program, the College of Visual & Performing Arts and/or George Mason University since enrolling in the Program: