Melanie Koontz Memorial Scholarship

**Purpose:** To provide financial assistance to a graduating female student of Benson High School in memory of Melanie Koontz. Melanie’s young life ended far too quickly and will be remembered as “a beautiful poet who changed many lives.”

**Eligible Schools:** Benson High School

**Selection Criteria:**
1. Student must demonstrate financial need and submit a scholarship financial statement.

2. Student must submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher or school administrator.

3. Student must submit a recent transcript showing a minimum grade point average of between 2.5 and 3.5.

4. Student must submit an essay entitled “How I plan to make a difference for myself and others.” Student should include information about their intended major and why they are pursuing it.

**Selection Process:** Selection will be made by the family of Melanie Koontz in consultation with the Benson High Scholarship Committee

**Amount:** $500.00 payable to the college or university upon the Foundation’s receipt of verification of enrollment from the institution chosen by the recipient.

**Administered By:** Omaha Schools Foundation