

Andrea Cuin  
Courage  
Memorial Scholarship

### **Courage Scholarship in Memory of Andrea Cuin**

Andrea was born and grew up in Uinta County and graduated from Evanston High School in 2002. Shortly after graduating, Andrea was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, a rare neuromuscular disorder that caused her to suffer from extreme exhaustion, muscle weakness and at times even the inability to speak. After two years of treatment, Andrea went into remission. She knew her disease could return at any time but chose to live every day to the fullest.

Andrea was a loyal friend, a devoted wife, and most importantly a loving mother to three boys, Nolan, Carter and Tyne. She and her family enjoyed spending time together doing fun activities and making memories.

In the winter of 2021, Andrea was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in her colon. She immediately had a procedure to remove the tumor and was declared cancer free. A short nine months later, Andrea was dealt another tough hand and was diagnosed with metastasized stage 4 cancer.

Her treatments ravaged her body, but she continued to work to gain back her strength. She battled through the bad days and still found a way to spend as much time as possible with her family and friends. She was a light and radiated kindness. Despite her situation, she was always thinking of others and how they were doing in their lives and with their struggles. She was always there to listen and could always make you smile.

Andrea never stopped fighting, but in December of 2023, she lost her battle. I will never know if Andrea was born stronger than most or if she gained her toughness through her life struggles? Either way, I can honestly say Andrea was the toughest person I have ever met. Andrea showed her toughness by looking fear straight in the eye, not blinking and NEVER giving up hope of winning her battle.

I believe it is easy to celebrate those who are physically gifted and it's easy to take for granted good health and good circumstances. My hope with this scholarship is to memorialize my wife's bravery, toughness, and courage as well as to possibly bring to light the COURAGE of other individuals and their life struggles.

“Courage is being scared to death.... And saddling up anyway.” (John Wayne) cancer victim

**Deadline:**

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Essay**

Please write a 500-700 word essay describing a courageous individual, ex. (family member, friend, teacher) that has overcome a major life challenge and inspired you with their courage. Explain how their courage has influenced or impacted you and how you hope to use this influence to help others throughout your life.

**Additional Requirements**

- Contact Information
- A brief statement of your plans after graduation.
- Name and address of the college or institution you plan on attending and anticipated major or plan of study (check will be mailed to the institution.)
- Letter of recommendation.