

The Betsy Rose Memorial Scholarship

The Betsy Rose Memorial Scholarship is named in honor of Elizabeth “Betsy” Rosemary Batish (Rice). Betsy was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and grew up in Tempe and Payson, Arizona. She graduated from Payson High School in 1996. After graduating cum laude with a communications degree from Arizona State University in 2000, Betsy worked in a variety of journalism and communications jobs in Arizona. She was a writer for a Phoenix monthly magazine, award winning newspaper editor for the Maricopa Monitor, city public information officer for Casa Grande, mayor’s chief of staff for the city of Goodyear and an award winning freelance author and artist.

Betsy’s favorite quote was from Carl Sandburg who once said, “Nothing happens unless first a dream.” She lived by this ethos and was not afraid to dream big and follow those dreams to fruition. Betsy was an accomplished English and Western equestrian and a celebrated rodeo queen, among which were the titles of Payson Arizona PRCA Pro Rodeo Queen, Gilbert Days Arizona Rodeo Queen, and Ms. Country Western Arizona. She was an inspiration to countless young women who looked up to her poise, grace and leadership. She made sure to teach these young women to dream big as well. Betsy was dedicated to making Arizona a better place and promoting the world of Rodeo and the Western way of life.

The \$2000 Betsy Rose Memorial Scholarship is awarded to two female awardees each year that plan to pursue a secondary education at an Arizona 2-year or 4-year college or university. Applicants can be either high school seniors who will be attending college or university in the upcoming school year, or can already be in college or university. Awardees will be young women who share the same equestrian passions and love for the Western way of life as Betsy. Awardees show the potential to further the Western way of life and make lasting contributions to their families, communities and the state of Arizona, just as Betsy did.

Learn more about Betsy Rose Batish at the following links:

<http://www.betsyrose.org>

<http://www.betsybatish.com>

