

The Set Me Free Project  
Sydney Loofe Scholarship

Sydney Loofe was raised in Neligh, Nebraska. She moved to Lincoln, Nebraska after high school. When she didn't show up to work one day, her co-workers became worried and reported her absence. This was the day after she went on a date from Tinder. Her body was found in a rural area in Clay County 19 days after she was reported missing. Sydney, the crystal-blue eyed girl with the soft heart, who was just 24 years old, was taken from this earth on November 16, 2017. George & Susie Loofe, Parents of Sydney, decided to partner with us and advocate for the cause to prevent situations like this from happening. Our goal is to teach the community how to recognize when there could be malicious intent involved when communicating with others. This scholarship is presented by The Set Me Free Project in honor of Sydney Loofe and her family.



### Eligibility & Dates

Applicants to the Sydney Loofe Memorial Scholarship must:

- Be a high school graduating senior
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Eligible High Schools: Nebraska High Schools (Public, Private, Exempt or Homeschool)
- Demonstrate plans to attend an institution of higher learning that will make an impact on the community in the interest of safety, and the desire to protect the vulnerable in the areas of:
  - Countering human trafficking
  - Online safety
  - Cyber security

This list is not comprehensive. The individual must be able to demonstrate in their essay how their degree can make a difference in the lives of others.

- Deadline: March 8, 2024 by 5:00 PM

### Additional Requirements

Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach or supervisor.  
A completed application form.

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1. Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, or supervisor.
  1. Letters of recommendation can be emailed separately by the individually recommending. Please clearly state in the subject line the name of the applicant.
  2. Letters of recommendation can be mailed by hard copy with the entire application (if being sent hard copy only) in a sealed envelope by the individual recommending.
2. Essays addressing the following:
  - How your degree of choice will make an impact on your community and/or the lives of others. (300 words or less)
  - Why is Sydney Loofe's story (available on our website) important to you? (300 words or less)
  - Tell about your leadership ability in student and/or community service and achievements that set you apart. (300 words or less)
  - What will this degree enable you to do for your community? (300 words or less)
  - About your specific achievements that sets you apart for this scholarship. (200 words or less)
  - Who is your biggest role model, and why? (200 words or less)

The scholarship will be awarded in March or April 2024. The Set Me Free Project will hold a celebratory event to award the scholarship recipient. Family and friends are welcome.

Scholarship Application		
First Name	Last Name	
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Daytime Phone	Email Address	
Date of Birth	Gender	
Cumulative Weighted GPA on a 4.0 scale	Are you first generation going to a college/university?	
Name of current high school attending	City of High School	State of High School
Top Three College/University you plan to attend.		
Name of Parent(s) or legal guardian(s)		
Parent/guardian address if different than yours.	Parent/guardian address if different than yours.	
Parent Phone	Parent Phone	
Applicant Signature I hereby affirm that the information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.	Date	



**Scholarship Essay's**

On a separate sheet of paper answer the following questions in five separate essays. Please use Times New Roman, 12pt. font, single spaced.

**Question 1**

How will your degree of choice make an impact on your community and/or lives of others in the area of countering human trafficking, online safety, and/or cyber security.  
(300 words or less)

**Question 2**

Why is the Sydney Loofe story important to you?  
(300 words or less)

**Question 3**

Tell about your leadership ability in student and/or community service and achievements that set you apart.  
(300 words or less)

**Question 4**

Tell us about a specific achievement that sets you apart for this scholarship.  
(200 words or less)

**Question 5**

Who is your biggest role model and why?  
(200 words or less)

**Application Check List**

Application Page	
Resume or Activities Sheet	
Essay answers to questions 1-5	
Official Transcripts	
Two letters of recommendation	

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Mail complete application package to:

The Set Me Free Project  
3606 N. 156<sup>th</sup> Street Ste 101 #128  
Omaha, Nebraska 68116

Or email your complete application to:

Info@setmefreeproject.net

The Set Me Free Project's mission is to stop human trafficking before it starts to provide prevention education to all ages. Please remember Sydney by reading her story on our website at <https://www.setmefreeproject.net/scholarship-opportunity>

Please feel free to submit any questions to [info@setmefreeproject.net](mailto:info@setmefreeproject.net).