The Saint Cloud’s Scholarship was established to commemorate the life of Nancy Davenport, a woman whose courage and hope inspired many.

Despite living through a childhood of parental abuse and homeless, Nancy rose above obstacles to become a distinguished poet, writer, and a well-known cat breeder. Nancy completed a Master’s Degree in Social work and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA. After completing her education, Nancy devoted herself to counseling children and families affected by child abuse. In her memoirs, Eternal Improv, Nancy wrote about child abuse being as likely in a mansion as in a mobile home. Nancy was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig’s disease while writing Eternal Improv.

The name “Saint Cloud’s” comes from the name of Nancy’s cattery where she bred many show winning Maine Coon cats. The California Community Foundation is proud to announce the availability of The Saint Cloud’s Scholarship. Through this award, we hope that Nancy’s spirit of resilience, compassion, and commitment will live on in student scholars.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Student must be female attending either Los Angeles City College or West Los Angeles College.
2. Student must demonstrate financial need.
3. Student must demonstrate promise and ability in their chosen area of study with at least a 2.5 GPA.

Application Material Include:

1. Completed application
2. Academic Transcript
3. Letter of recommendation from a professional

Mail application materials by the postmarked deadline of January 14, 2011 to:

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Nancy Davenport with Maine Coon