In 2014, Senator Harry Meshel established this scholarship to honor his sister, Despina Meshel Thomas. Despina was an impeccable dresser and constantly in style. She served as a model for proper appearance and demeanor. In tribute to Despina’s flawless fashion sense, this scholarship is provided for a female Fashion Merchandising major.

Eligibility:

1. Must be a full time, female student majoring in Fashion Merchandising
2. Must have a minimum 2.7 GPA
3. Must complete FAFSA. Need is not a requirement, but may be a consideration
4. Residents of the tri-county areas of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties in Ohio, and matriculate to YSU, will be given 1st preference, but residents from other areas will also be considered if the first preference cannot be met.

Terms:

This is a one-year, non-renewable scholarship. Student must re-apply each year. This scholarship, when combined with all other scholarships and grants, will not exceed the cost of full tuition, books and supplies.

Selection:

Selection is to be made by the Scholarship Committee from the Fashion Merchandising department and in conjunction with the YSU Foundation.