

# Christopher D. Jackson Memorial Scholarship



*There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains.*

Christopher Jackson's family wishes to award a \$1000 scholarship each year to the person who best embodies Christopher's effervescent and eclectic spirit.

## **About Christopher**

Anyone who spent any time with Christopher knew he was special. Although he only lived 21 years, he made them count.

Christopher loved adventure and excitement. He rode dirt bikes, skied much faster than he should, dove off of waterfalls, climbed everything from mountains to construction cranes, and spontaneously swam in freezing mountain lakes.

Christopher was also a natural athlete. He swam for Rutherford High School and decided to take up diving because it looked fun. Three years later he won the Florida State High School Diving Championship - a Bay County first. He went on to dive for the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. In his younger days, he was a karate all-star and amateur gymnast - kicking and flipping his way through life.

Finally, Christopher was intelligent, mature, and comedic. He read constantly and spoke well. He was an IB student at Rutherford High School and gained admission to a prestigious university. He was a deep thinker and often brilliant when fully engaged. He loved music and was a talented piano and guitar player. Christopher also didn't take life too seriously. His sense of humor was like him - genuine, thoughtful, and surprising.

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Panama City, FL 32401  
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Award of \$1,000

**DUE DATE: Return to the Bay Education Foundation  
1311 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, FL 32401  
NO LATER THAN MARCH 25, 2019**

**I. Personal Information:**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ FL Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Eligibility Assurances:** check all that apply

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a graduating senior at a public Bay District Schools high school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have participated in at least one of these activities: athletics, clubs, band, choir, or ROTC.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have definite plans to attend college no later than the fall term after my graduation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have not had any serious discipline problems in the past year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to provide a photograph and to allow my name and personal information to be used for publicity/fundraising purposes if I am awarded the scholarship.

**III. Activities and Service: (Please use the back of this form for additional space, if needed.)**

Describe the types of volunteer community service you have performed and the number of certified volunteer hours you have earned in each.

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List any school clubs/activities of which you are a part.

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**IV. Student Essay/Personal Statement**

Your essay should be about you. Christopher was a unique and special person. What makes you unique? What makes you special? What do you like to do? What are your plans? What do you care about? Who do you love, and who loves you? Keep it short - 500 words or less - keep it focused, and keep it about you. Spelling, grammar, neatness, and organization count. We will award the scholarship to the person who we think Christopher would like it to go to - someone with an independent, free-thinking, and eclectic personality. The essay should be typed or printed and attached to this application.

**V. Letters of Recommendation:**

1. Please include a letter of recommendation from your head coach or activity sponsor.
2. Please include a letter of recommendation from a past or present employer, community leader, social worker, or clergy. This letter must be written by an adult who is outside of the applicant's school environment.

**VI. Transcript:** Please submit an official school transcript.

**VII. Please attach a current photograph to be used for publicity purposes. By submitting this application with the photograph, you agree that your photograph and name may be used in recognition of receipt of the scholarship should you be the selected recipient.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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