



**Justin O'Connor Memorial Fund Scholarship
at Eastern Carolina Community Foundation**

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Application must be postmarked by March 31, 2020

Justin O'Connor was a loving son and caring brother. He was a generous friend and gifted athlete whose joy and love for life were contagious. Only 17 years old, Justin was entering his senior year at Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School with a dream of playing college baseball. That dream ended on an early morning in July 2017 because of distracted driving.

Purpose: To provide two scholarships of \$1,000 each:

- An **academic award** for achievement based on the qualities of Justin who is remembered for his outgoing nature and great sense of humor. He was well liked by all groups of people, funny, athletic and always had a smile on his face! He was also a diligent student and fantastic guitarist.
- An **athletic award** will be given to a student athlete who has been accepted to a 4-year college to play a specific sport.

Qualifications:

1. Reside in one of the following Pee Dee counties: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro, or Williamsburg.
2. Be accepted to an accredited 4-year college or university.
3. GPA must be at least 2.5 or better.

Process:

1. The applicant must return an application to Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, PO Box 1615, Florence, SC 29503 postmarked by **Tuesday, March 31, 2020** along with:
 - A personal statement as described on the next page.
 - Your most recent official transcript of grades.
 - Proof of acceptance to a 4-year college or university.
 - Provide 2 letters of reference from school officials that are not family members.
Athletic scholarship: one of these letters must be a letter of support from a coach.
 - **Athletic scholarship:** provide proof of acceptance to play a specific sport in college.
2. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.** Decisions made by committee are final.
3. The scholarship is for tuition expenses and will be paid directly to the institution the student plans to attend, not to an individual.

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Personal Statement

Please check which scholarship you are applying for:

_____ Academic _____ Athletic

State why you are seeking this scholarship and how it will benefit your pursuit of education. Please include information about your honors and achievements, extracurricular activities, interests and community involvement. Address your experience with distracted driving.

Signature

Date

Scholarship Applicant Data

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

Present Address: _____

Number and Street

City, State & Zip code

Permanent Address: _____

Number & Street

City, State & Zip Code

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Number and Street

City, State & Zip Code

FAFSA Score: _____

SAT or ACT score: _____

Date of Graduation from High School _____

Name of Institution of Higher Education you plan and have been accepted to attend:

School

Number & Street

City, State & Zip Code

References

List two references below and provide a completed reference form for each of the persons listed with your completed application by the defined deadline. Do not list names for references of any persons who are related to you in any manner.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Certification

I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I understand that misrepresentation of any information may prevent me from consideration in receiving this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Application

Scholarship Reference Form

I, _____, am applying for the _____
Scholarship at Eastern Carolina Community Foundation. I authorize you to provide the
Foundation with requested information about me.

Applicant's Signature

Date

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. What is your relationship to the applicant? _____
3. Please describe the characteristics that you have observed in the applicant that would help him/her be successful as he/she pursues higher education.

4. Additional comments:

Signature

Date