



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

Application must be submitted by March 31, 2021

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. This scholarship was established by Justin's family and friends to honor his memory and help others reach their goals.

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.

Application process:

1. The applicant must return an application by mail to Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, PO Box 1615, Florence, SC 29503 or by email to info@easterncarolinacf.org by **Wednesday, March 31, 2021** along with:
 - A personal statement as described on page 2.
 - 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 who are not family members (forms are included.)
 - **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 of: _____
Applicant Name

Please check which O'Connor 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, if applicable, with distracted driving.

Applicant Signature Date



Scholarship Applicant Information

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Present Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

FAFSA Score (if required by scholarship qualifications): _____

SAT or ACT score (if applicable): _____

High School _____ Graduation date: _____

Name of institution of higher education you plan to and have been accepted to attend:

Address: _____

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 Letter of 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

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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:

Name: _____

Signature

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