

Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2023

Interview Date: TBD

CHRIS HOLT

SCHOLARSHIP

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McNary Youth Baseball is offering an annual scholarship for any graduating senior of McNary High School who has been an active participant in any McNary High School sports programs. The Chris Holt Scholarship is a one-time scholarship for the recipient in the amount of \$1,000.00 and is awarded to offset costs of continuing education at any post-high school educational, technical, or vocational institution.

The Chris Holt Scholarship was formed by McNary Youth Baseball in honor of all the dedicated coaches who have sacrificed their time and talents over many years to advance youth sports in the Keizer area. The scholarship is in memory of Chris Holt, a 13-year-old Keizer resident and youth baseball and football player, who passed away from leukemia on January 1, 2003.

The applicant will need to complete a short essay of no more than 500 words. The essay should address your definition of sacrifice and give at least one example of how sacrifice has played a part in your life. Additionally, the applicant's extracurricular activities, in both high school and the community, will be taken into consideration.

Three applicants will be selected to participate in an individual interview with the scholarship committee prior to the final selection of the recipient. When the recipient is selected, McNary High School staff will disburse scholarship funds directly to the recipient's attending school.

Eligibility Requirements:

- McNary High School graduating senior
- An active participant in any of McNary High School sports programs
- Completed essay
- Completed application form (attached)
- Interview (3 finalists chosen to be interviewed)
- Unofficial Transcript

Applications need to be postmarked no later than *Monday, May 1, 2023* and should be emailed (*only emailed applications will be accepted at this time*) to the address below:

mcnaryyouthbaseball@gmail.com

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The Chris Holt Scholarship Application

**Please attach the essay to this application*

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

School planning to attend: _____

List all extracurricular activities, awards, and honors in both high school and the community:

Provide any other information (financial need, area of study, etc.) you would like the selection committee to consider:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Tips on writing a successful essay

- 1. Make it personal.** An essay that feels genuine and offers insights into who the applicant is on a deeper level will stand out in a crowd. Make it less about something you do and more about who you are as a person.
- 2. Tell a story.** Writing about specific experiences with real-life situations using interesting details makes compelling and memorable essays.
- 3. Don't tailor the essay to the reader.** Just because we are offering a scholarship for student-athletes doesn't mean you have to write about sports. Don't shy away from talking about your culture, traditions, and experiences. Expand on details about your culture, traditions, and experiences that are meaningful to you and essential to understanding who you are.
- 4. Stay positive.** Try to keep your essay positive and proactive. It's fine to talk about the hardships you've faced and struggles you've endured, but it's how you overcame them — your resilience and perseverance — that will always shine the brightest.
- 5. Ask for feedback.** Having another pair of eyes read through your essay is an excellent way to get immediate feedback on the quality and catch errors. You might choose to adjust the tone or make other adjustments based on the feedback you receive.