

-2023 Benjamin Strong Scholarship-

In Honor of Benjamin Joseph Atkins

11/24/2009 – 12/11/2018



BENJAMIN STRONG SCHOLARSHIP



Benjamin Joseph Atkins passed away 2 weeks after turning 9 years old in December of 2018 from a rare form of osteosarcoma. Ben fought for 2 years through chemo, surgery and ultimately had his leg amputated due to the cancer. In those 2 years we spent countless hours at Mott's Children's Hospital and Sloan Kettering in New York. Ben not only fought like a champ but kept a positive attitude, amazingly wonderful sense of humor and an unwavering faith. Ben was always more concerned with how all of us were dealing with him having cancer. He was always making not only all of us but his entire medical team laughing and wondering what he was up to next. Ben's empathy and love were mirrored back through us and his worldwide chain of prayer warriors. It is my intent to keep Ben's spirit alive through those students that can handle life's adversities with courage, humor and faith and will be able to go out and make a difference in the world.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Ben's Nana and the Atkins family

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be:

1. A graduating senior and be admitted to a post-secondary program.
2. Have overcome a major life obstacle with strength, humor, and faith.(Does **NOT** include COVID)
3. Special consideration will be given to students choosing careers in music, aviation or medicine.

Awards

One award of \$500.00 will be awarded.

Application Procedure

Applications will be available in the counseling center and you will be directed to the person gathering them.

Selection Committee

Ben's Nana and/or family members and a school representative.

Announcement of the Scholarship Recipient

The recipient of the Benjamin Strong Scholarship will be made at your schools Honor Assembly.

Payment of the Scholarship Award

The recipient must provide proof of enrollment in a post-secondary college or training. Payments will be forwarded to that institution for deposit in the student's account. Notification must be made within six (6) months of notification of the award or the funds will be returned to the scholarship account.

Application must be submitted by May 3, 2023

****Please write a 500-word essay explain how you have face life's obstacles with courage, humor and faith.**

Please attach your transcript.

Please attach 2 Letters of recommendation.

Good Luck!

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Full Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

College, Training Program or Apprenticeship:

Have you been accepted?

Yes _____ (provide copy of acceptance letter)

No _____

What course of study or career do you plan to pursue?

Community Service:

Future Goals related to career or training:

Work Experience:
