

Brandon Jackson Scholarship and Basketball Classic Scholarship Application

For the 9th year, the *Brandon Jackson Scholarship and Basketball Classic* bring together the community to support our youth and to commemorate the life of Brandon Jackson, a Muir high school student murdered in February 2011. Although Brandon's life was cut short, he exhibited tremendous enthusiasm, team spirit, vibrant faith, and a rich heritage of love toward many who considered him a friend. He also made a strong commitment to his academic work and was moving toward college before his death. In the spirit of his life we want to encourage young leaders to accomplish the goals and dreams that Brandon held as important.

To that end, we are happy to announce the Brandon Jackson Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded again to deserving, college-bound students. The final amount of each scholarship will be determined by funds raised in the Brandon Jackson Scholarship and Basketball Classic.

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Initial** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____ **Sex:** Male Female

Home Phone: (_____) _____ **Cell Phone:** (_____) _____

Email: _____

Name of Graduating High School: _____

Name of College You Will Be Attending: _____

Address of College: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Certification

I certify that I have provided complete and accurate responses to the items on this application. I further certify that all documents submitted to support this application are authentic, unaltered records that pertain to me. I understand that misrepresentation may be cause for denial or cancellation of scholarship offered.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Award Criteria:

Academic:

- Minimum 2.5 GPA (copy of high school transcript required)
- Proof of enrollment in a 2 or 4-year college (funds will be distributed once enrollment is verified).

Financial Need: (Copy of the following required)

- 2018 tax return exhibiting gross family income, **and**
- EFC form (Estimated Family Contribution) from your FAFSA application

We are willing to consider extenuating circumstances other than financial hardship in our evaluation of the needs of the student.

Other Requirements:

- Scholarship recipients shall report to the Brandon Jackson Scholarship Committee on academic progress during the first two years of study.
 - Local community college students (within 10 miles of Pasadena) shall meet with an assigned mentor at least twice each academic term to discuss classes, grades, and other involvement in college activities.
 - Four-year college students shall submit a written report at the end of each academic term to include classes taken, grades received, and description of other college or extracurricular activities.

Essay: You must complete an essay within the following guidelines:

- A one to two page typed essay
- Essay must address the following: A personal statement that describes your educational and career goals; **emphasizes any obstacles you have overcome** to this point, **your community involvement**, and includes your hopes for the future.

Letters of Recommendation: You must enclose a minimum of **two** letters of recommendation from significant leaders in your life including: teachers or tutors, mentors, coaches and/or pastors or spiritual leaders. We will also consider a recommendation from someone who has known the student for at least 5 years.

Deadline for application/letters of recommendation is April 17, 2020. Scholarships will be announced at the closing of the 9th Brandon Jackson Scholarship and Basketball Classic taking place May 16, 2020. Awards will be distributed at the BJ Scholarship Award Ceremony (details to follow). Scholarship recipients must be present at announcement and award ceremony.

Please mail applications, financial need statements and type-written essay to:

Debra Williams, Director
Brandon Jackson Memorial Scholarship
Post Office Box 5341
Pasadena, California 91117

Scholarship Distribution:

- Scholarship funds shall be distributed as follows:
 - Local community college students will receive one-fourth of the total scholarship amount at the beginning of each major academic term over a two year period.
 - Four-year college students will receive one-half of the total scholarship amount at the beginning of the first and second year of study. ○ This schedule may be altered to deal with individual situations of financial need.

SEE RECOMMENDATION FORM BELOW

Letter of Recommendation

Name of Teacher/Mentor: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Name of Student: _____

1. How long have you known this candidate? _____

2. Describe the type(s) and extent of service or leadership the candidate has exhibited while in relationship to you, the mentor/coach.

3. Has the student exhibited **any or all** of the following characteristics: seriousness about academic pursuits, pursuit of sports or extracurricular activities, sets goals and accomplishes them, asks for help when needed, arrives on time prepared to work, addresses concerns and asks questions of teachers/mentors as necessary, inspires confidence in others.

4. Please comment on the student's potential strengths and weaknesses in the areas in which you've observed this candidate including academic, life skills, spiritual influence, leadership and/or one who is a clear team leader.

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Please mail signed and dated recommendation to:

David Williams, Director Brandon Jackson Memorial Scholarship
Post Office Box 5341
Pasadena, California 91117

or email to:

David Williams at: djwilliams2009@hotmail.com