

Joshua Erickson Memorial Scholarship



Josh was a student at Preble High School. He had a passion for baseball and began playing at age six. After watching his favorite team, the Chicago Cubs, win the World Series baseball became his life. He played every summer and joined the Black Sheep at age 12. Shortly thereafter, he was diagnosed with brain cancer. However, Josh never let his diagnosis, surgery, or radiation keep him away from baseball. He attended every game and just 59 days after his surgery, he was back on the field. He eagerly took his favorite position, centerfield, and hit a double on his first swing. Josh always maintained good spirits and sportsmanship even in defeat, because for Josh it was always about playing the game he enjoyed so dearly.

"Put me in, coach. I'm ready to play today. Look at me, I can be centerfield" - John Fogerty

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Joshua Owen Erickson by the Northeast Wisconsin Black Sheep through donations and a memorial baseball tournament held annually in his name.

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Scholarship Type & Funding:

This multi-year scholarship fund will award two, \$1,000 scholarships annually. The fund will be created with a gift of \$10,000 received by April 1, 2025. Scholarships will be awarded annually until the fund has been depleted. Additional contributions can be added to the fund at any time.

Selection Process:

CollegeReady will choose the recipient through its annual selection process, based on financial need and other criteria, including but not limited to, academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, leadership roles, volunteerism, and essay responses. Eligible students must attend an accredited college or university in the United States and maintain at least 12 credits per semester.

Additional Criteria:

The recipient should be a graduate of a Brown County, Wisconsin high school with preference given to applicants whom have participated in or volunteered with Northeast Wisconsin Black Sheep.

Award Presentation:

The award will be presented at CollegeReady's Lamp of Knowledge Celebration. Those representing this scholarship will be invited to attend the event and meet the recipient. Thank you notes and correspondence received from the recipient will be shared with the contact listed above.