



## Josh David Early Memorial Scholarship

The Joshua Early Memorial Scholarship is established to honor the enduring legacy of Joshua David Early, a beloved member of the Shelby County community whose life exemplified dedication, resilience, and a passion for both athletics and personal growth. This scholarship is awarded annually to a student-athlete who embodies the qualities that defined Josh's remarkable character—commitment to excellence, leadership on and off the field, and a spirit of service to others.

**Award Amount:** \$2,500

**Eligibility:** Open to graduating high school seniors that live in Shelby County who have participated in varsity athletics and plan to pursue higher education at an accredited college, university, or trade school.

**Due By:** May 12th, 2026

**Criteria for Selection:** Applicants will be evaluated based on how they reflect Josh's values and life:

- Athletic Achievement: Demonstrated commitment and sportsmanship in their chosen sport(s).
- Leadership & Character: Evidence of inspiring peers, overcoming challenges, and contributing positively to the community, as Josh did.
- Academic Effort: A strong work ethic in the classroom, mirroring Josh's determination to succeed.
- Community Involvement: Active participation in volunteer work or initiatives that uplift Shelby County, reflecting Josh's heart for service.

Through this scholarship, Shelby County Community Charity aims to keep Josh's memory alive by empowering a student-athlete who shares his passion, grit, and generosity. The information provided on this form will be used by the Shelby County Community Charity Scholarship Committee to select one recipient. It is important that you give complete details concerning your college/career plans, activities, and financial information.

## BASIC INFORMATION

### Student's Full / Legal Name \*

First Name

Last Name

### Student's Address \*

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City **Student's Phone Number \*** State / Province

Area Code

Phone Number

**Student's E-mail \***

example@example.com

Postal / Zip Code

Country

**Gender \***

## Academics

**Academic GPA \***

## Schools to which you are applying

**School 1 \***

**School 2**

**School 3**

## Major(s) You Are Considering

In order of preference, list the major(s) you are considering (Very important for scholarship eligibility).

**Major 1 \***

**Major 2**

## REFERENCES:

Please list one educator and at least one community person who would recommend you for a scholarship. Please do not list the person who completes a scholarship recommendation for you.

**Reference 1 Name (Position,Phone Number. email) \***

**Reference 2 Name (Position,Phone Number, email) \***

## SCHOOL / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES / WORK / EXPERIENCE/SPORTS/AWARDS/ETC:

List name of club, any leadership roles, and years of participation. If you volunteered, list the name of organization and the number of hours, weeks and/or years that you volunteered. If you've worked, list the company, hours per week and length of time. Attach an additional sheet or resume if necessary.

**School Activities (not sports)**

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**Community Service / Volunteer Activities 1 (at school)**

**Community Service / Volunteer Activities 2 (outside of school)**

**Community Service / Volunteer Activities 3 (outside of school)**

**Sports Participation 1**

**Sports Participation 2**

**Will you be participating in a sport(s) after high school?**

Yes

No

**Travel Experience or Unusual Experiences (study abroad, etc.)**

**School / Community Awards and Honors 1 (no matter how small) CSF, GSE, National Honor Society, Girl/Boy Scouts, 4-H, Governor's Scholar, etc.**

**School / Community Awards and Honors 2**

**School / Community Awards and Honors 3**

**EMPLOYMENT 1: List past and present work and length of time employed.**

**EMPLOYMENT 2: List past and present work and length of time employed.**

**STUDENT STATEMENT: In a few sentences, describe yourself. \***

**Have you ever assisted or volunteered with one of our Shelby County Community Golf Charity events? \***

Yes

No

**If yes, please give details:**

## **Needs-based Scholarships Parent Financial Information**

All information supplied by you will be treated as confidential.

### **Directions**

Stepparent/guardian information may replace Mother or Father's information: Please report earnings for the parent/stepparent who the student has lived with most of the time (over 50%) in the past twelve months. If the student lives with both parents equally, then provide answers about the parent/stepparent who provides the most financial support.

**Father/Stepfather/Guardian Name \***

**Father/Stepfather Employer and Occupation \***

**Mother/Stepmother/Guardian Name \***

**Mother/Stepmother Employer and Occupation: \***

**First generation to attend college? \***

Yes

No

**Father/Stepfather Annual Income : \***

**Mother/Stepmother Annual Income : \***

Other income that can be used for educational purposes (inheritance, college funds, etc)-do not include home equity, IRA's or other retirement accounts (optional):

**Other Income Type 1:**

**Other Income Amount 1:**

**Other Income Type 2:**

**Other Income Amount 2:**

**Please explain any financial circumstances that have impacted your choice to earn degree. \***

**STUDENT STATEMENT: How would receiving this scholarship impact your ability to pursue your degree? \***

**Have you earned any KEEES Money? \***

Yes

No

**SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED TO DATE 1**

**AMOUNT 1**

**SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED TO DATE 2**

**AMOUNT 2**

## **Passion for Athletics**

Everyone who knew Josh recognized how hard he worked each day to be the best version of himself on and off the field. Please take a moment to answer the following questions to help us understand your time as a student-athlete.

**STUDENT STATEMENT: What is the definition of good sportsmanship to you? \***

**STUDENT STATEMENT: What did you have to work at hardest as a student-athlete? \***

**STUDENT STATEMENT: Who do you look up to in your sport and why? \***

Essay Questions

Please answer the following essay questions, and upload separate files below. (Requirements: minimum 500 words each)

1. What was the most difficult event you have encountered in your life, and what did you do to overcome it?
2. How does your life align with Josh's values and how do you plan to carry his legacy forward?

**Submission Time**

Month Day Year Hour Minutes