

Griffin School Foundation – Cody Brown Memorial Scholarship

The Cody Brown Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Cody Brown, who was a Griffin Elementary School fifth grader when a tragic accident took his life. Cody was a dependable student, an athlete, a musician, but mostly he was a great person of promise. The purpose of this award is to assist former Griffin School students with any type of post-high school education or training. The application process is meant to get to know how applicants embody the character Cody would have become. Up to \$3,500 award

Eligibility & Criteria

- Be a former Griffin School student who attended for a minimum of two years
- Be a high school senior in a public or accredited private high school in Thurston or Mason County
- **Demonstrated academic ability:** Applicant must have a minimum accumulated GPA of 3.0.
- **Extracurricular Activities/Community Service:** Volunteer projects and active participation in community and/or school activities that exemplify a commitment to excellence.
- **Career goals:** An indication of how the scholarship might contribute to future career goals.
- **Mentoring:** Demonstrated ability to be a mentor or “encourager” to peers.
- **Applicant Appraisal:** Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a teacher/advisor, and one from someone who can comment on the applicant’s overall character, achievement, and promise.
- **Stability:** Length of attendance at Griffin School.

NOTE: Members of the immediate families of any Scholarship Committee members are eligible to apply with the provision that the related family member cannot serve on the selection committee during the year in which the application is considered.

Application Required Items:

Personal Essay

- Tell us about your personal life story and experience; include extra-curricular and community service activities that show your commitment to excellence and mentoring abilities. Explain your long-term goals, chosen area of study (if known), and how education will help you achieve your goals. Discuss what you have done or will do to prepare yourself for your field of study.

*It is recommended that you review the scholarship eligibility and criteria and incorporate your qualifications into the essay.

2 Letters of Recommendation

- Letters should be from current or former teachers, employers, or community members (NOT FAMILY). Ask individuals who know you well to address the following:
 - Assessment of the applicant’s qualification for this scholarship.
 - Applicant’s demonstrated contribution to the community or classroom, with specific examples of mentoring, encouraging, or unifying.
 - Include any other information considered relevant to this scholarship.

Grade Transcript

- Attach a transcript through the first semester of your senior year.

List of Personal, Extra-Curricular, and/or Community Service Activities

2021 Scholarship Cycle
Application Due Date: Friday, April 2, 2021

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Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

To Whom It May Concern:

Based on our previous application review, we have found the letter of recommendation is a very important component of the scholarship application process. The application already contains the student's transcripts, an essay from the student, and details of their qualifications. The letter of recommendation should provide information that describes who the student is and how they exemplify the qualities we are looking for when choosing the scholarship recipient.

We are looking for a portrait of this applicant's character, examples of their contributions, interaction with others, and a report on their promise for the future based on their performance in the present.

Cody Brown was a Griffin Elementary School fifth grader when a tragic accident took his life. Cody was a dependable student, an athlete, a musician, but mostly he was a great person of promise. He had a conciliatory attitude and worked for the underdog. Through your letter, we hope to get know how the applicant embodies the character Cody would have become.

Thank you,

Tammy Questi & Teri Weaver
Scholarship Committee
Griffin School Foundation