**Brandon Jackson Scholarship and Basketball Classic Scholarship Application**

For the 10th 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 \_\_\_\_**

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**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 the 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)

* 2022 tax return exhibiting gross family income
* 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:**

* Local community college students shall meet with an assigned mentor at least twice each academic term to discuss classes taken, grades, and other involvement in extracurricular activities.
* Four-year college students shall meet with an assigned mentor at the conclusion of each quarter or semester to discuss classes taken, grades, and other involvement 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 four years.

**Deadline for application/letters of recommendation is March 22, 2024. Scholarships will be announced at the 10th Annual Brandon Jackson Memorial Scholarship and Basketball Classic taking place May 4, 2024. Scholarships will be presented at the Brandon Jackson Memorial Scholarship Award Ceremony (details to follow). Scholarship recipients must be present at the ceremony.**

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

David Williams, Director

Brandon Jackson Memorial Scholarship

Post Office Box 5341

Pasadena, California 91117 or Email to djwilliams2009@hotmail.com

**Scholarship Distribution:**

* Scholarship funds shall be distributed as follows:

Recipients will receive one-half of the total scholarship amount at the beginning of the first quarter or semester and the remaining balance the final quarter or final semester of the academic year. This schedule may be altered to deal with individual situations of financial need.

**SEE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM BELOW**

**Letter of Recommendation**

**Name of Teacher/Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**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.

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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.

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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.

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