



## SALEM-KEIZER EDUCATION FOUNDATION

### MISSION

The Salem Keizer Education Foundation is a catalyst for the enhancement of the education and development of all Salem-Keizer youth by providing resources for creative and innovative programs and materials, educating and mobilizing the community, and sustaining collaborative partnerships that support its goals.

### HISTORY

The Salem-Keizer Education Foundation (SKEF) was founded in 1982 and is the oldest community-based non-profit organization in Oregon dedicated to enriching the quality of education in its public schools.

SKEF supports an academic culture of teaching and learning in these specific ways:

- Innovation Grants
- Subject Initiatives
  - Literacy
  - Math, Science & Technology
  - Environmental Studies
  - Multicultural Literacy
  - Arts
- Professional Development for Teachers
- Enrichment Academy
  - Before and After School Programs and Summer Camps
  - Learning Gardens
- Enrichment Academy Tutoring
- School Supply Depot
- Instruments for Kids
- Crystal Apple Awards
- Awesome 3000
- Bazillion Books for Kids

# Connor James Memorial Scholarship

April 20, 1997 – April 1, 2016

The Connor James Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Connor Joel James. Connor was a very curious, creative and independent young man. School came easily to him and while he didn't like to read, he was always finding new ways to learn and explore the world around him.

Connor had a contagious smile, diverse sense of humor and a magnetic personality. He was deeply caring, tenderhearted and possessed a quiet strength that made those around him feel loved and important.

This memorial scholarship will honor the example he gave to all of us and will be used to support the academic and life goals of a fellow Sprague Olympian.

**Connor attended Sprague High School, where he participated in Youth Legislature, the Debate Team and in the fall of 2015 realized one of his dreams by entering the University of Oregon to study biology**

**Connor had many passions, but his love and aptitude for lacrosse was at the forefront.**

**Connor started playing lacrosse at age 11 and finished his lacrosse career in his senior year as captain who led his team to the state playoffs and earned 1st Team All Conference Honors.**

## 2018 Application

This application has been designed to be simple, yet allow us to get to know you. Connor would have wanted it that way. Please complete the information requested on the application form. In addition, please include

1. A brief ( not to exceed two pages) essay explaining what you are most passionate about and how that passion makes a difference in your life and those around you
2. Copy of acceptance from the post-secondary institution you will attend.
3. One letter of reference addressed to the Connor James Memorial Scholarship committee, from an adult who has known you for more than one year.
4. Copy of high school transcript.

**For more information:** visit the foundation's website at [skeducationfoundation.org](http://skeducationfoundation.org)

# Question and Answer

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This scholarship is for a young man/men who attends Sprague High School in the Salem-Keizer School District and who is an active member in good standing on the Sprague Lacrosse team. This scholarship is for a senior student who will pursue some form of post-secondary education.

## HOW CAN IT BE USED?

The scholarship is a one year, potentially renewable scholarship of an amount to be determined by the selection committee. The scholarship may be used for conventional academic purposes such as tuition, fees, room and board and/or books. In honor of Connor's passions and creativity, the scholarship may also be used for those items necessary to get into and stay in post-secondary education. For example, purchase of tools for a professional technical program, certification classes, or transportation.

## HOW CAN I QUALIFY?

Student must have a diploma or alternative diploma from Sprague High School, meet the application criteria and submit all requested information by the deadline.

## WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION?

Applications are available at Sprague High School's counseling office and the athletic director's office. Applications may also be downloaded from the SKEF website, [www.skeducationfoundation.org](http://www.skeducationfoundation.org), or requested by calling SKEF at (503) 364-2933

## WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE?

Completed application must be postmarked by Friday, May 11th, 2018. They must be mailed with all attachments to SKEF at 223 Commercial St NE Salem, OR 97301. Successful applicants will be notified prior to graduation

## QUESTIONS?

Please call us at (503) 364-2933

# APPLICATION FORM

You may attach a separate page.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary or College Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

College Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. Year \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please describe a time when you were in a leadership role and when you led by example.

2. What activities were you involved with in or out of school? Did your involvement contribute to the positive culture of your school or community? How?

3. Where do you plan to attend school after graduation? What do you plan to study?

4. Do we have permission to share your story publically?