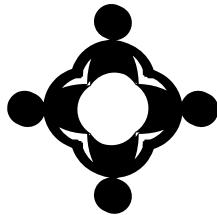


## 2026 Christopher Johnson “Champion in Life” Scholarship



*“Impacting and Influencing Lives in the Community”*

**Purpose:** This scholarship is given in memory of Christopher “Chris” Johnson, a Northside High School student athlete who passed away in June 2007 at the age of 17 from leukemia. The recipient will be a scholar athlete who possesses good leadership skills, serves as a positive role model, and exemplifies a commitment to academic achievement, athleticism, and humanitarianism needed to be a true “champion in life.”

**Qualifications:** The applicant must be a graduating senior in the Northside High School Class of 2026 with plans to attend a postsecondary institution, be actively involved in **one or more competitive sport(s)** at Northside High School and have a cumulative **GPA of 3.0** or better at the time of applying for the scholarship. Demonstrated need for financial assistance may be considered also.

**Application Package:** Each applicant must submit the following:

1. A **completed, signed** application form (attached).
2. **Two** letters of recommendation, **one from an athletic coach and one from a teacher**.
3. A written response to a **two-part essay question** discussing your qualifications for this scholarship **AND** your career goals, with emphasis on your capacity to impact or help others. **The response must be limited to one page in length (double-spaced)**.
4. An **official transcript** issued by your school counselor.

**Deadline:** Completed application packages must be turned in to Ms. Varlack in the counseling office by **Friday, March 27, 2026**.

Sincerely,

The Christopher A. Johnson Scholarship Committee

**APPLICATION FOR THE CHRIS JOHNSON  
“CHAMPION IN LIFE” SCHOLARSHIP**

**GENERAL INFORMATION (To be completed by applicant):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
 First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Names \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

Gifted/Honors Program: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

SAT or ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

**POST-SECONDARY PLANS:**

Have you applied and been accepted for admission to a technical school, college, or university?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list the name of the institution that you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered “No” to the above question, please discuss your plans to decide and obtain admission to a college or university. \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Please list all extracurricular sports, clubs, or other activities that you currently are **OR** have been actively involved, both at school and in the community. **Include any leadership positions that you have held. List year(s) of active involvement.**

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

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

**Other Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

❖ **ESSAY QUESTION: (To be completed by the applicant on a separate sheet of paper and attached). Your response should be ONE PAGE, either typed double spaced (12 font) or legibly handwritten. BE SURE TO RESPOND TO BOTH PARTS OF THE QUESTION IN YOUR ONE-PAGE NARRATIVE.**

- *Why do you feel that you should receive this scholarship award?*
- *In five years, what do you see yourself doing, and in what way(s) will you be contributing to the lives of other people?*

❖ **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

Request **TWO** letters of recommendation, **one from a coach and one from a teacher** who both have knowledge of your academics and leadership skills. **Recommendations should be returned to you in a sealed envelope and submitted with your completed application package to Ms. Varlack in the counseling office before the March 27, 2026 deadline.**

❖ **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT:**

Request an official transcript from your school counselor. Submit your transcript with your completed application package.

**PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR BY March 27, 2026.**

**I have read the qualifications for applying for this scholarship and have submitted all requested documents.**

Applicant's

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_