

BENJAMIN PAINE BSO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is given as a loving testament to the passion and love of life embodied by Ben Paine who died July 10, 2006 while doing what he loved best, playing basketball. In a college paper, Ben wrote:

" I believe that you should never have to say I wish I did this or I could have done that...Nobody remembers the mishaps, but people definitely remember what they could have accomplished (had they tried)."

**Multiple scholarship awards of between \$150 - \$1500 will be awarded:
Approximately \$15,000 in total awards is to be given.**

Qualifications to apply:

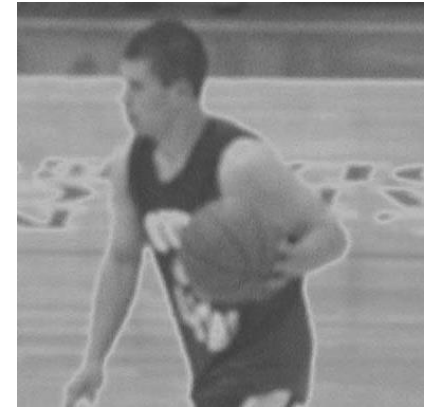
- a) **Must be a graduating senior**
- b) **G.P.A. of 2.5 or greater**
- c) **Must have participated in athletics at the high school senior level**

Along with your **completed application** you will need the following:

Must write an essay up to 400 words on the topic **"What is my Passion and how will it help me to grow and succeed?"**

- a) Please include some event or story that illustrates your passion. Note that your "passion" doesn't need to involve sports.
- b) High school transcript to verify GPA

Application packets can be emailed to you by Mandy McDonald (mmcdonald@smjuhsd.org), Elyse Tgcupgt (etgcupgt@smjuhsd.org) or Colleen Martin (cmartin@slousd.org) or Tom Paine (tbpaine@gmail.com). Please email the completed packets by May 10th, 2024 to either your counselor or directly to me or mail them to Ben Paine BSO Scholarship Fund, PO Box 3738, Pismo Beach CA 93448.



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(if writing please do so legibly)

Applicant's Name _____ HS: __SMHS__

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ Applicant's G.P.A _____

High School Senior Varsity Sport(s) _____

PS – if you were going to play a sport but didn't finish due to the school shutdown that's okay.

Please submit this application with the following:

1. A completed **typewritten** essay on the assigned topic
2. Set of high school transcripts to verify G.P.A. (no transcript, no money)

The final day to turn in both items is May 10th. Please email in Word “.doc” format or as a PDF (preferable) to Christy Reasner at creasner@smjuhsd.org. She can forward it to me with your transcript information. If you have your transcript information, you can email the application, essay, and transcript to tbpaine@gmail.com. You may mail your essay and transcript to “Ben Paine BSO Memorial Scholarship,” P.O. Box 3738, Pismo Beach, CA 93448. If you mail your packet, it must be mailed by May 7th.

Topic on Which to Write Essay:

Please write up to a maximum of 400 words on the topic:

“What is my Passion and how will it help me to grow and succeed?”

Please include some event or story that illustrates your enthusiasm for your topic, which does not need to involve sports. Please **type clearly** in black ink. Please take time to organize your thoughts. Please emphasize your passion and not a list of what you have done. Please reread your work for grammatical and sentence structure errors. Read it slowly and out loud to someone else to check your wording. No need to include a separate list of your extracurricular activities. They have no bearing on the awards.