

Chandler Legacy Student Scholarship

Application deadline is April 6

Scholarships will be awarded during the Senior Awards Ceremony of the applicable school. Each award will be made payable to the school for continuing education.

Applicant must be a 12th grade student in good standing in high school.

Academic Achievement: Student must have a minimum unweighted cumulative high school CPA of 2.0 (through the end of the first semester). The applicant's GPA will be verified by Guidance Department after submission of the application.

Higher Education: Student must plan to enroll in an institution of higher learning and providing acceptance letter/letters with this application. Such institutions include not only colleges and universities, but also technical and vocational schools and institutes.

Financial Need: Financial need is not a consideration.

Application Form: Student must complete and submit the application form, essay and post high school education institution's acceptance letter/letters to Chandlerslegacy@aol.com by April 6 of the current year.

Recommendations: Two recommendation letters (one from a teacher). The applicant must fill in his/her name on the recommendation form before giving it to each individual. Each recommender will then submit their signed and completed form either by email or mail to ChandlersLegacy@aol.com or by mail to Chandler's Legacy, 3229 Countryside View Drive, St. Cloud, FL 34772.

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High School Attended

Date of graduation

Last Name

First Name

MI

Date of Birth

Student's Social Security Number

Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

Phone number

Current or Local Address

Phone Number

Father: _____
Name

Mother: _____
Name

Address (Street)

Address (Street)

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

U.S. Citizen? Yes No

Name

List honors and leadership positions

Describe your community (e.g. church, civic, club) and school activities or volunteer involvement

Explain your educational and career goals

Name

School you plan to attend _____

Have you been accepted? _____

If no, please explain _____

If yes, please attached acceptance letters

Previous vocational /colleges/universities attended:

School	Degree/Area of Study	Dates Attended

Past and present employment:

Position	Employer	Hrs/Week	Dates Employed

Explain why you should be considered for this scholarship.

_____ Name

What other financial resources do you have?

Why do you need financial assistance?

List all amounts and types of financial aid or scholarships received (grants, work study, loans, scholarships).

Aid Received	Amount	Date Received

I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and in the event I am awarded a scholarship, all funds will be used to further my education.

Name

Date

Name

Cumulative unweighted Grade Point Average as of the end of the 1st semester of senior year:

Guidance Counselor Signature

Date

Name

Parent/Guardian & Applicant Signature

By signing below, I certify that I understand the criteria for the scholarship and submission deadlines for the applicant and recommendation forms.

I hereby authorize the review of all aspects of this application including GPA information provided herein is true and correct.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Applicant's Signature

Date

References

Provide the names of those who are providing references and relationship

Example

Name Susie Jones Relationship family friend

Name _____ Relationship _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

Reference Recommendation Letter

Chandler's Legacy will be awarding scholarships to seniors during the Senior Awards Ceremony. Based on your knowledge of this student, please rate his/her qualities on a scale of one to five (five being the highest) and provide any personal comments. Please be sure to sign your name and submit to chandlerlegacy@aol.com or mail to Chandler's Legacy, 3229 Countryside View Drive, St. Cloud, FL 34772. All comments will be kept confidential.

Name of Applicant _____

General Attitude 1 2 3 4 5
Comments:

Class Participation 1 2 3 4 5
Comments:

Citizenship: 1 2 3 4 5
Comments:

Motivation: 1 2 3 4 5
Comments:

Work Ethic: 1 2 3 4 5
Comments:

Reference Signature

Date

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to introduce our Chandler to you. Chandler was taken from us on October 24, 2009 at the age of 17. He was a victim of teen violence right here in our community. We find ourselves asking how do we tell you about him and what he has meant to our family in a few short paragraphs. The truth is we don't know how to tell you everything we want or need to, so we are going to summarize who Chandler was and what a wonderful life he lived during his short 17 years.

They say it's not the number of years you live but the dash that is between them. For the dash represents all the things you have done and the people you have touched during those years. April 6, 1992 - October 24, 2009. Chandler lived just a short 17 years of what should have been a long, wonderful and productive life. However if one were to look at Chandler's dash they would assume it was a life of a much older person. One who had lived life to the fullest, one who met every day with a smile and hope, one who wanted to make sure others were happy and one who touched more people than even we will probably ever know.

Chandler was in fact a miracle baby. His parents tried over 17 years to have a baby and once they had given up; Chandler made his presence into this world. From the day he was born, there was something just a bit more special about him. Maybe because we had all waited so long, or maybe because he was a blessing from above.

We were all so proud of that little boy who blossomed into such a warm, loving and well-rounded young man. He was so handsome with his blue eyes and contagious smile. He was entertaining and always the center of attention whether it was his dancing, jokes or the accents he did. He left everyone smiling or laughing and asking for more. He was an athlete, in fact a 3 sport athlete. Whether it was baseball (in which he was coached by his dad), football or basketball, Chandler always had the biggest cheering section. Most of our Friday nights and Saturdays for as long as we can remember involved cheering Chandler on from the stands.

Prior to his death Chandler was set to start mentoring a young boy on his school bus. That boy still sits with Chandler's jacket on the school bus every day. Chandler had also befriended a young female friend who had been sexually assaulted. He was discreetly helping her through this traumatic time with empathy and compassion. Chandler also had become friends with a young boy at school who was homeless. Chandler offered this boy dinners at his home, hot showers and rides wherever he needed to go. This young man, an artist, in turn taught Chandler how to draw in appreciation. We never knew this boy's story until we saw him at the courthouse during the trial. He told us that Chandler was his only true friend at one point in his life. These kids are a true testament to Chandler's ever-loving heart and compassion.

Chandler grew up to be such a warm, loving and well-rounded young man. He was so handsome, entertaining and athletic. He was adored by female and male friends alike. At last count I knew of ten people who called Chandler their best friend, everyone was so drawn to his energy and carefree zest for life. If you were to look at a picture of Chandler's friends, it would look something like a United Nations photo. He never cared about color, shape, size or status of anyone. If Chandler liked you and brought you into his life, differences mattered not. Loyalty was the word that would have best described Chandler when it came to his friends of all ages.

Chandler's memorial service brought in over 900 people to say their last goodbyes. Young and old, friends and teachers, local business men and community leaders all were touched by our Chandler. That day more than ever we realized how special our little boy was. Chandler's friends still stop by to check on us and several of them call or email just to say hello. These gestures are clear representations of what Chandler meant to his friends and the values they shared. Chandler Clark's life represented what the future of teens should be...honest, caring and overall an outstanding contribution to society. He was someone who added value to his community and those around him. We all knew Chandler would be an angel, we just never expected him to have to leave and claim his wings so soon.

My family has dedicated our lives to increasing the awareness of teen violence and spreading Chandler's Legacy. We have teamed up with the St. Cloud Rotary Club in an effort to gain more community awareness and to allow us to host more community events. We have had offers to work with the Osceola County Sherriff's Department and the St. Cloud Police Community Outreach Division to spread the message that teen violence will not be tolerated in our community and to go into the local schools to spread our story. We have also started a non-profit organization, Chandler's Legacy, in which each year a student will be granted a scholarship in Chandler Clark's name. When we started Chandler's Legacy our hope was to save at least one teenager, to date we have had 10 success stories. We have honored Chandler and made him very proud with our dedication to local teens.

Also below are a few photos of Chandler to allow you to put a face to a name.

Thank you for taking time to get to know, if only in words, the life of our wonderful Chandler Collin Clark.

Chandler's family
chandlerslegacy@aol.com
407-957-5735



Applicant Essay

Write a brief essay (500 words or less) explaining an experience(s) you have had with teen violence and how the situation(s) was handled and ways you would recommend for Chandler's Legacy to raise awareness of teen violence.