

# Josh Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund "MSP Love" Scholarship Program 2013



In August of 2012, MSP lost a vital part of our family in a tragic accident. We have vowed to never forget Josh Williams and the impact that he made on all of us and those that graced his presence. To that end, we have renamed our annual scholarship program the Josh Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund.

When we lost Josh we had no idea how much life he brought each of us every day and taught us so much on how we should live each day. Through his commitment to his relationships with young and old, friend and stranger (though truly in Josh's world, there was NOT a stranger) we have seen a path that can lead to so many rewarding things in life.



This scholarship is just a small token of remembrance we want for Josh. Ultimately we want his smile, laugh, and joy to live on forever. We want his impact to be felt each year as we award worthy recipients to this great award. Below is more information about this scholarship program and hope you take the time to complete this form.

This scholarship program will be funded by many different endeavors, including the "Why One Buck" tournament program of Midwest Sports Productions, individual donations and sponsorships, and our annual Golf Tournament. The 2013 Josh Williams Memorial Golf Tournament will be held May 8th at Dub's Dread Golf Course in Kansas City, KS. The winners of the 2013 MSP Love Scholarship Program will be recognized at a banquet during this event.



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1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is Friday, April 19th, 2013, 5:00 p.m. (no exceptions). To be turned in by mail to address below or dropped by MSP office.
2. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
4. You will be notified by phone or email regarding the status of your application.
5. If you have any questions about the application, please call the Midwest Sports Productions office at 913-543-6116.

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration in an accredited College or University. Checks will be made out to the College or University.

**Purpose:** To Provide scholarships to deserving MSP participants that have participated in fastpitch, baseball, and/or basketball and are a high school graduating senior intending to pursue post-high school courses of study at either college/university or other post-secondary educational institution.

**Award Components:** A minimum of a \$7,500 purse will be awarded to deserving graduating seniors with the amount being awarded being between \$500 and \$1,000 per recipient that will be selected by the Midwest Sports Productions Selection Committee. Midwest Sports Productions will select an outside committee to overlook the applications and select the winners.

### **Criteria:**

1. Applicant must be a Kansas or Missouri resident.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must demonstrate "MSP LOVE" in the complete sense. Consistent with capacity and circumstances and/or significant improvement/success in scholarship and community involvement, determined through letters of recommendation.
4. Must have played in Midwest Sports Productions tournaments before/currently

### **Application Process:**

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (please type, or print legibly.)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.
4. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and a class standing/rank. In a sealed envelope from your High School counselor.
5. Questionnaire. In typed form, please answer the questions on the following page as thoroughly as possible.

**Deadline** for the application is **Friday, April 19, 2013**. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

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Questionnaire: Please submit answers to the following questions as thoroughly as possible. Please type or print legibly on additional sheets and submit with your application.

1. Pick an experience from life and explain how it has influenced your development.
2. Who in your life has been your biggest influence and why?
3. Josh coined the phrase "MSP Love". This saying can encompass a wide-range of things; an act of kindness, a passion for someone or something, caring for others, etc. Describe a particular situation where you felt you displayed "MSP Love" in your life.
4. How has your education contributed to who you are today?
5. One of Josh's best characteristics was his ability to connect to an individual or task, understand the importance of the task, and complete it. He may have been forced to make personal sacrifices to complete the task, but if Josh said he was going to do it...it got done. Explain a circumstance when you have had to make choices between your commitments, priorities, and desires. Detail the circumstance, choices made, and what you learned from that choice.
6. Josh was great at building relationships and truly understood the value of those relationships. He never met a stranger and had the ability to make anyone that knew him smile or laugh. When on the field or the court he always took time for every coach and every player that came to know him. We need more smiles and laughs in this world so share how you have been able to bring more joy to people around you.
7. When we lost Josh so suddenly last year, it was a real wake-up call about living life "in the now". Still, when we remember Josh, we are reminded of how he lived not only for now, but for always. His seemingly endless energy kept him in perpetual forward motion. He was always excited for whatever came next to us at MSP. Where do you see your own forward motion taking you 10 years from now?
8. Describe your future education plans.
9. If you could have dinner with one person living or deceased, who would you chose and why? What one question would you ask the person?
10. Josh loved music and the soundtrack of his life is vibrant and wide ranging. What kind of music or artistic expression would be the soundtrack or reflection of your life?
11. Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school.
12. Please explain why you believe you should receive a scholarship and how it will make a difference in your plans to continue your education.
13. Josh loved playing organized sports growing up and excelled in baseball. This impacted Josh in a very positive manner. Please write how organized sports has impacted your life.

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### STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. #

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

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Cell Other

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Played for: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School	Address	Date of Graduation (or period of attendance)

Please complete the following information on an additional sheet and submit with your application:

- List scholastic or academic honors including scholarships, fellowships, prizes, honor societies, etc.
- List and briefly describe three non-academic activities which have been important to you.
- List any other honors/awards that may not be listed.
- List all sport related accolades and accomplishments.
- List all community, civic, or church organizations that you have worked with during your high school. Detail any service projects that you may have worked on.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with this application. List the names of the two people submitting recommendations:

Name		Name	
Street		Street	
City		City	
State/Zip		State/Zip	
Telephone		Telephone	
E-mail		E-mail	

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this Application Form and in any attached materials is true and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Return completed application and requisite materials by April 19th , 2013 to:**

**Midwest Sports Productions  
21967 W 83<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Shawnee, KS  
66227  
www.playmsp.com or PH: 913-543-6116**