

Dustin M. Thompson Scholarship for 2008 Application

As a part of the Dustin M. Thompson Memorial Fund, Brett, Nancy and Ashley Thompson Family be awarding one \$1000.00 scholarship annually to a graduating senior who meets the criteria as listed below:

Applicant criteria are as follows:

One who has played soccer in the past or is currently a recreational or select/premiere soccer player.

Current High School Senior

One who intends to go to college and pursue a higher level of education.

Completed application

One page original essay (See details below)

3 letters of reference

To be considered for the scholarship, the following information is required in its entirety, to the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association postmarked by December 1st, 2008.

Please mail to the following address:

Ohio South Youth Soccer Association

C/O Dustin M. Thompson Memorial Scholarship

25 Whitney Drive #104

Milford, OH 45150

Dustin M. Thompson Scholarship Application Instructions

Deadline Date: December 1, 2008 (Must be postmarked by the Post Office or delivered to the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association Office)

If you have any questions, or need assistance in completing this application, please contact Ohio South Youth Soccer Association at: (513) 576-9555 or email office@osysa.com

Review the scholarship criteria before completing this application to make sure you are eligible for this scholarship.

- Answer all the questions as completely and accurately as possible.
- Clearly print in black ink or type the application form.
- Provide a copy of transcripts that includes GPA and class rank.
- Obtain 3 letters of reference that can attest to character, work ethic, etc. and attach to the application. (Other than immediate family).
- One must come from a soccer coach.
- One must come from High School personnel.
- One of applicants choice i.e. Church, friend, teammate, etc.
- Research and write a one-page original essay on what you learned about organ donation.

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Font: Times New Roman; Size 12

Justified

Double spaced

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered

Scholarship applicants and recipients will be notified of the results by mail.

Scholarship funds will be disbursed to the scholarship recipient upon proof of enrollment at a post-secondary institution the semester following the completion of classes in the fall. The post-secondary institution will credit the students account \$500.00 per semester. If the recipient does not register for classes and attend classes the money will be returned to the Dustin Michael Thompson scholarship fund.

The scholarship will be presented at the OSYSA Annual General meeting on January 10th, 2009 and the recipient's picture and write-up will be published in the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association Newsletter.

**Dustin M. Thompson
Scholarship Application**

Applicant Information:

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip code:

Home phone number: ()

Educational Information:

Name of High School Attending:

Address:

City/State/Zip code:

Class Ranking: out of

Grade Point Average:

Signature of High School Official: _____
Name Title

Name and address of college you will attend:

Major:

Do you intend to play soccer at the collegiate level and if so, where?

3-5 Sentences of why you deserve this scholarship:

Soccer Information

Current Soccer Club Affiliation:

Youth Player U-5 through U-10:

Club Affiliation(s):

Number of years played:

Recreational Player U-11 through U-19:

Club Affiliation(s):

Number of Years played:

Select/Premier Player U-9 through U-19:

Club Affiliation(s):

Number of years played:

Olympic Development Player (ODP):

Number of years played:

Community Service/Volunteer Services/Other Soccer Related Activities:
Please List – (Use separate sheet if needed)



Dustin Michael Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Tribute: Dustin Michael Thompson Memorial Scholarship was formed in memory of Dustin Michael Thompson (Son of Brett and Nancy Thompson and Brother of Ashley), a college sophomore at the University of Nebraska Lincoln who died on October 6, 2001 from a brain aneurysm. Dustin was a very dynamic individual who touched many lives during his short time here on earth. He had a passion for the game of soccer and played from the age of nine up until his passing. Dustin attended Dana College in Nebraska his freshman year and played on the newly formed soccer team there. Dustin grew up in Woodbridge, Virginia and moved to Nebraska with his family after graduating high school. Dustin had a zest for life; he loved soccer, snowboarding, music and break dancing. He made many friends with his outgoing and humorous personality and crazy antics. Dustin touched many people's lives both while living and now in his passing. Dustin had made the decision to be an organ donor if anything ever were to happen to him at the age of 16. As in life, he gave in death. In honor of Dustin, his family and friends established this scholarship fund to help subsidize some of the costs for a college student and raise awareness of what a truly awesome decision it is to give the "***Gift of Life***".

To Remember Me By Robert Test

*"Give my sight to the man who has
never seen a sunrise..
Give my heart to a person whose
own heart has caused nothing but
endless days of pain.
Give my blood to the teenager who was
pulled from the wreckage of his car.
Give my kidneys to one who depends
on a machine to exist.
Take my bones, every fiber and nerve of my body
and find a way to make a crippled child walk...
Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes
to the winds to help the flowers grow.
If you must bury something, let it be my faults,
my weakness, and all prejudice
against my fellow man.
Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God.
If, by chance, you wish to remember me,
do it with kind deed or word
to someone who needs you.
If you do all I ask, I shall live forever."*

Organ and Tissue Donation is a life-saving act in which each of us has the opportunity to participate. Organ donation leaves a legacy of life and serves as a fitting tribute to those who make the decision to donate prior to the time of death. It is a selfless and heroic act that a simple decision to donate, made while living and indicated to one's family can make possible. Once you decide to donate, you must let your loved ones know your decision, so they can carry out your wishes at the time of your death.

Currently, over 80,000 people in the United States are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. These individuals, both children and adults, are completely dependent upon the generosity of a stranger in determining whether they will receive the "Gift of Life" in time to save their life. It is hoped that the decision to save lives through organ donation will become more of a societal expectation than an exception to the rule. Each person can donate up to 8 life saving organs and up to 50 life enhancing tissues. Each person can make a difference and save lives by signing a donor card, signing the back of their driver's license and telling their loved ones of their wishes and encouraging others to do the same. With your help in spreading this important message, lives will be saved and memories of loved ones who were organ and tissue donors will be honored by the legacies of life they leave behind!