



THE SAM WEEKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of Sam Weeks, an Olathe South student who passed away in April, 2009 after a brave battle with cancer. Sam fought his disease with determination and courage. Sam lived life to the fullest and was an inspiration to all those who knew him.

Three \$1,000 scholarships are designated for Olathe South High School seniors, Class of 2012, with a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale), who plan to continue on to a post-secondary college, university, or vocational technical school.

The scholarship applicants are asked to submit a short essay sharing how cancer has impacted their lives. **The scholarship applicants will not be judged on the quality of their writing, but rather the content of their story.** Essays should be between 500 and 1,000 words, and should be typed, double-spaced, with at least .75" margins on all sides. Handwritten essays will be accepted, but must be legible.

These scholarships will be paid in two installments. Each semester, based upon proof of enrollment, the students will receive a \$500 scholarship, totaling \$1,000 for the academic year.

This scholarship is administered by the Olathe Public Schools Foundation. The scholarship recipient must provide proof of enrollment at a post-secondary educational institution prior to scholarship disbursements. Scholarship disbursements are made directly to the educational institution.

Applicants must fully complete the following application and submit it to the Olathe South counselors' office by March 2, 2012. The scholarship will be presented in May during the Senior Awards Night.

Required Elements for this Application:

- 1) Completed cover page
- 2) Essay (see specifications above)

A successful essay might address the following:

- a. How has cancer impacted your life?
- b. How can something positive come from something as devastating as a cancer diagnosis?
- c. What qualities could be beneficial to a cancer patient and how can these same qualities prove beneficial to your future?

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Application Cover Page

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Signature: _____ Date : _____