



CHRIS HIXON ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship Information:

The Chris Hixon Athletic Scholarship currently awards four one-time scholarships in the amount of \$4,000 to student-athletes who are graduating from a Broward County Public School. Students who are applying for the scholarship must be pursuing post-secondary education, whether through a traditional college or university, or through a technical training program (commonly referred to as “trade school”). Students who are awarded the scholarship will have scholarship funds sent directly to the institution they choose to attend.

Background:

Christopher Hixon was a victim of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School during the tragic events that took place on February 14, 2018. He sacrificed himself while running towards the shooter in order to stop him from taking more innocent lives. Chris was an Athletic Director, Coach, and Campus Monitor during his more than 25-year career within Broward County Public Schools at Blanche Ely High School, South Broward High School, and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Additionally, Chris Hixon was a retired U.S. Navy Veteran having served 27 honorable years, 5 active duty and 22 reserve, in support of our nation. His love for his student-athletes was well known throughout his career as he always went the extra mile to ensure they were taken care of. Therefore, to continue his legacy and continue to take care of student-athletes we created this scholarship in his name for the student-athletes he loved so dearly.

Values of Candidates:

We are looking for the best of the best student-athletes as someone to best represent the kind of person Chris Hixon was. We are looking for someone who is just as involved on the field as they are off the field and in the classroom. Someone with a passion for service towards others, leadership, school and community involvement, and citizenship towards our nation.

Criteria for Eligibility:

1. Must be a Student-Athlete in Broward County Public Schools.
2. Must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.25.
3. Must be pursuing higher education upon graduation. Either traditional post-secondary education or technical career institute.
4. Must have a minimum of 50 volunteer hours.



5. Must submit full and complete application.
6. Must submit two letters of recommendation: one by an athletic coach AND one by a teacher, mentor, guidance counselor, or principal.
7. Must submit a one-page personal essay of why they feel they deserve this scholarship. The essay should discuss how the student would use this scholarship to honor Chris Hixon's memory and legacy.

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Please apply only if you meet the criteria and believe you are a deserving recipient of this prestigious award, someone who is willing to carry Chris' legacy forward in a way that would make Chris and his family proud. **The Scholarship Application Deadline is March 6, 2026.**

Please read all sections of the application carefully as improper or incomplete submissions will not be accepted or considered for award. *Typed applications are required and all parts of your application must be submitted in PDF format.*

Student's Name:

E-mail address (to contact):

Student Phone number:

Parent/Guardian name:

Parent/Guardian contact information:

Current High School:

Current Unweighted GPA:

Current Class Rank:

Senior Class Size:



Total Service Hours:

***Please provide a transcript with your application so we can verify the above information. It does not have to be an official transcript.**

ATHLETIC TEAMS

Please list all sports played and the years played:



SCHOOL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Please list all clubs and organizations to which you are a member, any leadership positions, and years you were a member:

COMMUNITY CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES

Please list all clubs, organizations, and activities you participated in outside of school, any leadership positions, and years you were a member:

AWARDS AND HONORS

Please list all significant awards and honors received:

EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Colleges or Technical Schools applied to:

Colleges or Technical Schools that have accepted the student (If pending, list and note pending):

Occupational Goal:

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



Please include two letters of recommendation, one written on your behalf from an athletic coach AND one from another individual (community leader, teacher, mentor, guidance counselor, or principal). Letters of recommendation must attest to your character and performance as a student-athlete and how you relate to Chris Hixon. Letters that do not relate the student to the attributes of Chris will not be considered. Letters submitted on letterhead are preferred.

PERSONAL ESSAY

Please include a one-page minimum personal essay of why you feel you deserve this scholarship, how you relate to Chris Hixon and how you would honor Chris Hixon's memory and legacy. You may describe sports played, academics, organizations, service to the community, short and long-term goals, and any other unique aspects that they feel would qualify you as an outstanding student-athlete and a proud citizen.

Essays that do not demonstrate how you relate to the character and attributes of Chris and how you will honor his memory and legacy will not be considered. Essay should be typed, double spaced, with Times New Roman 12-point font. The use of AI for the essay content is prohibited but may be used for editing or formatting. We want to hear your story in your words and voice.

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that the information in this packet is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Deadline:

Scholarship Application Packet must be received



by 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2026

Please submit application via email to:

scholarship@chrishixon.org

Please subject your email as “2026 Firstname Lastname Application”

Please include your application, letters of recommendation, and essay as separate attachments on the same email. Please include your name in the title of the attachments. **All applications and documents should be submitted in PDF format.**