

**The Chet Whitaker Memorial** Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Chet Whitaker who, in June of 2023, was lost to Pancreatic Cancer. Chet was 70 years old when he passed. More specifically, the foundation seeks to pay tribute to Chet's legacy of leadership, sportsmanship and dedication by supporting young men and women in education after high school, be it at community college, college or university or trade school.

Chet was responsible for reestablishing the South Stars High School Hockey club team in 1990 while his oldest son played for the South Stars. Chet was the team manager for four years from 1990-1994. Chet's role during the early 1990's, helped create something that would live on and thrive on the south side of Indianapolis, Indiana even to this day. What he did has affected so many young men and women and their families. He was always very proud to have been a part of something that affected so many people. Each year, two scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,500.00 each to Senior Members of the South Stars Hockey Club Organization to assist with costs in attending the community college, college or university or trade school of their choice.

To be considered for the Scholarship, applicants must be a senior on either the Red or White teams for the South Stars. All applicants must be in good academic standing and model the leadership, sportsmanship and dedication that Chet displayed throughout his life. Some of these standards will be evaluated and decided on with the help of the current coaching staff for both teams. Any high school seniors who are members of the Red or White teams for the South Stars are encouraged to apply.

Awarding of the Chet Whitaker Memorial Scholarship is contingent on several criteria including acceptance to and enrollment in a community college, two- or four-year college or university or trade school, and a complete application. Additionally, applicants are required to submit an essay discussing how they feel their leadership, sportsmanship and dedication skills learned from their time spent with the South Stars will help them in their secondary education but also in everyday life. Scholarship recipients are expected to use their resources wisely, and uphold a high standard of conduct.

The Chet Whitaker Memorial Scholarship award is an outright grant. Although recipients are under no obligation to make repayment, it is hoped that once graduated and engaged in a productive career they will help honor the memory of Chet by giving future students a similar financial opportunity.

#### **How to Apply:**

The Chet Whitaker Memorial Scholarship Foundation has transitioned to an online application process. Applications can either be completed using the fillable pdf format, or printed out, completed, and then scanned. ALL required attachments, except letters of recommendation, must be submitted at the same time your application is submitted. DO NOT send materials separately. Only those applications filed online will be given consideration.

Your complete application, including all attachments, can be submitted electronically once opened in Adobe or be sent via email to [Brian@ChetsLegacy.org](mailto:Brian@ChetsLegacy.org) with the name of the scholarship in the Subject line of your email. Deadline for filing is January 31, 2025. Letters of recommendation must be sent by mail and postmarked no later than January 15, 2025. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Your application will be reviewed by members of the Scholarship Committee and the fund holder. Selection will be based on a student's overall leadership skills, sportsmanship and dedication (as judged by the coaching staff), overall academic progress and selection based on the application requirements.

# Form

## Chet Whitaker Memorial Scholarship

Finalists may be contacted for an interview. Students will be notified of any scholarship award at the South Stars Annual banquet.

### Application Requirements:

- Completed and signed application –emailed with required attachments by January 31, 2025
- Official high school transcript showing a GPA of at least 2.5.
- A brief description of planned area of study and career goals
- An essay must accompany your application. It must be typed, double spaced using 12 point Times New Roman font and should be no more two pages long. (Or you can use the space provided on this form).

**Essay Question:** Please describe how you feel the time you have spent playing hockey for the SOUTH STARS has prepared you for the the next step in your life and has helped you to display the leadership, sportsmanship and dedication skills that Chet displayed his entire life.

- One letter of reference. Letter should be mailed **directly** to:  
Chet Whitaker Memorial Scholarship Foundation  
300 Robert Street  
Burlington, WI 53105

**Remember! Keep a copy of your application for your records.**

Questions? Call 847-276-1964 or email [Brian@ChetsLegacy.org](mailto:Brian@ChetsLegacy.org) .

Email your completed application and all scanned attachments to [Brian@ChetsLegacy.org](mailto:Brian@ChetsLegacy.org) by January 31, 2025.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

## Chet Whitaker Memorial Scholarship

Application

### Name \*

First Name

Last Name

### Birth Date \*

Month Day

Year

### Gender \*

### Address \*

Street Address

**Email \***

example@example.com

**Cell Phone: \***

Area Code

Phone Number

**High School Attending \***

**High School GPA \***

GPA must be at least 2.5.

**Graduation Date \***

**College Attending (If Already Known) \***

## The Chet Whitaker Memorial Scholarship - Essay

Please describe how you feel the time you have spent playing hockey for the SOUTH STARS has prepared you for the next step in your life and has helped you to display the leadership, sportsmanship and dedication skills that Chet displayed his entire life.

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## Certification and Permissions Please Read and Sign

I hereby affirm that the information contained herein is true and correct. I hereby grant permission to the Chet Whitaker Memorial Scholarship Foundation to verify such information and to release information to the donor of the Chet Whitaker Memorial Scholarship.

I understand that receipt of this scholarship grant is contingent on continued enrollment for a minimum of two years, and providing proof of enrollment. Falsification of any information or failure to meet these requirements will result in the termination of my scholarship and I will be obligated to return any grant monies already received.

I hereby grant and assign the Chet Whitaker Memorial Scholarship Foundation the right to use my biographical information, essay response, and my image to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this scholarship award, and to promote the goals of the scholarship, for editorial, trade, advertising or any other purpose and in any manner and medium, including website and internet promotion.

I also consent to have a copy of my application and all supporting materials retained indefinitely by the Chet Whitaker Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

**Date of Signature \***      **Your Signature**

Month   Day   Year

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**Date of Signature \***      **Your Parent or Guardian  
Signature**

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