

Sawyer Kiist Passion For Life Bursary

On March 3rd, 2017, our son Sawyer was tragically killed in a car accident at the age of 24. Together with the help of The Cow Patti Theatre Company, where Sawyer spent some time acting, we decided to start a bursary and keep his memory alive.

This bursary is open to all young individuals between the ages of 16-24 currently living in Central AB (north of Airdrie and south of Leduc). As the name implies, it is for individuals who have a passion they would like to pursue and fulfill. It need not be for formal education, but may go towards your interest/passion that universities/colleges cannot help you with.

Since its inception over three years ago, we awarded a total of \$9,500 in bursary monies to 14 individuals to date. We enjoy seeing the wide variety of interests out there. Don't be afraid to apply no matter your interest. So far, winners have included individuals playing in a heavy metal band to opera singing, classic dance to tattoo art, volunteerism to interior design to glass blowing. We've had others who were involved in school/community groups such as the LGBTQ and helping with people suffering from depression. Other applicants have interests in animals, sports, and gaming, just to name a few. So now we are once again looking for more applicants to submit their names for consideration. Here's how you do it.

You can either send us a write up in whatever form you find comfortable, whether that be a short essay, power point, informal letter, etc., or send a video of yourself. If relevant, pictures and/or links are appreciated. We will also need a couple of ways of contacting you in case you are the lucky winner (email and phone number). As far as what we will consider as a valid interest...anything! Don't be afraid to try. And also important, we want to hear about you. Knowing who you really are can help us in choosing a winner, as it did for all the winners so far. We will once again be awarding up to 4 bursaries of up to \$1000 apiece. The deadline for submissions to be received is 11:59 pm on March 31, 2021.

We hope to do some interviews of the potential winners this year, so you must be available for that, as well as be available to make it to the Bursary Presentation. We will be awarding the winners at a BBQ potluck at our farm on July 10, 2021. (We will be following whatever the Alberta Health Regulations will be at the time.)

Good luck!

Send applications to:

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