

TANNER FAIRCLOTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

administered by the Elizabeth Forward Alumni & Friends Association

ABOUT THE TANNER FAIRCLOTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by Jack Withrow, John Withrow (EF Class of 93), Jacki (Withrow) Faircloth (EF Class of 91), and Ed Faircloth (EF Class of 90) in memory of their son, grandson, and nephew, Tanner Faircloth. Tanner graduated from EFHS in 2018 with academic distinction and as a scholar athlete on the swim team where his awesome backstroke got him to the WPIAL competition every year in high school. While in high school, Tanner created his own successful eBay business from scratch. He had an eye for value, a knack for finance, good communication skills with his customers, and a discipline to manage his income extremely well. He attended Pitt Business school from 2018-2021, where he also excelled. Unfortunately, his mental health declined during his late high school and early college years, and he was eventually diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 2022. He did everything that he could to get better and remained his kind self through all of his struggles, but sadly he dropped out of Pitt. Subsequently, he became a driver for FedEx, which he enjoyed, and at which he did really well. Tanner was naturally smart, kind, generous, funny, and crazy ambitious. He is truly missed by everyone who knew him.

TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

One scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded to a graduating senior at EFHS with intent of either pursuing a major in business or psychology (special consideration given to those accepted to the University of Pittsburgh) or going to a trade school for CDL training. Consideration will also be given to swim team members and those lettering in other sports, as well as students involved in entrepreneurial activities who wish to pursue any of the above fields.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The recipient will be selected by an EFAFA Selection Committee based on a 2.75 GPA or above, show involvement in athletics and/or entrepreneurial endeavors, and provide a written response to the prompt below.

NOTIFICATION AND RECEIPT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient will be notified by early May via e-mail or text message and a confirmation letter. The letter will inform the recipient of what needs to be provided to EFAFA to receive the scholarship. Information relating to a required thank you letter will be included with the confirmation letter.

THE APPLICATION

1. Using word processing, submit the following information. Include the number/letter of the item when providing your information.
 - a. Name of the scholarship for which you are applying:

- b. Home Address:
 - c. Home Telephone Number:
 - d. Cell Telephone Number:
 - e. Texting Number:
 - f. E-mail Address:
 - g. Name of college/university you plan to attend:
 - h. Name of intended major:
 - i. Briefly explain why you believe you meet the criteria for this scholarship:
 - j. Write a 300-500-word essay (double-spaced) on this prompt: **Give us an example of a time when you completed an act of kindness or helped others in need, you brought awareness to mental health, or you overcame a very difficult situation in order to keep moving forward with your dreams.**
2. As a separate document, prepare an up-to-date personal resume that includes your academic achievements, senior-year courses, extracurricular activities, work/entrepreneurial endeavors, etc.
3. Email the application, the essay, the letter of reference, and the resume as separate PDF attachments to EFafa.Board@gmail.com as soon as possible but not later than February 28. The filename must indicate the specific scholarship and the component of the application, for example: tannerfairclothmemorial_application.pdf, tannerfairclothmemorial_essay.pdf, tannerfairclothmemorial_resume.pdf, and place the name of the scholarship in the Subject heading (TannerFairclothMemorialScholarship).