

Brandon Michael Stephenson Foundation Scholarship

DEADLINE: APRIL 15TH

Please place in Ms. Dee Christie's mailbox

Are you a student who is supportive of his or her peers, regardless of who they are? Are you someone who crosses the "clique" boundaries? The **Brandon Michael Stephenson Scholarship's** purpose is to recognize those students who consistently support and reach out to those around them, and stand up for what they believe in.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Eligibility: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior.

Preference will be given to a student who exemplifies the qualities that Brandon embodied:

1. Accepting of the diversity of his/her peers
2. Dedication and involvement in helping others
3. Reaching out to those around him/her
4. Standing up for what he/she believes in
5. Financial need
6. Student has had to overcome their own obstacles in life

Please answer the following questions:

1. Where do you plan to continue your education? _____

2. Name of school: _____

3. Applied? _____

4. Accepted? _____

5. Family Information:

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Number of children in family _____

6. What are your professional ambitions? _____

Essay Directions:

On a separate piece of paper, please write a synopsis of how you have reached out and supported your classmates without regard for their background or peer grouping **and/or** write about how you have stood by your conviction & how your own life has helped shape them into the person they want to be. (150 - 250 words)

Please include 1 letter of recommendation.

Information on The Brandon Michael Stephenson Foundation

Brandon Michael Stephenson was a graduate of BHS who died unexpectedly a few years after his graduation. Brandon was the son of Barry Stephenson and step son of Dee Christie. The scholarship was started at BHS. The amazing support of the "run for your life" fundraiser prompted Dee and Barry to offer the scholarship to the community who has shown support by establishing a scholarship in his name at BFA.

The scholarship will be presented to a graduating senior from BFA who continues his or her education after high school. Students who will be entering the military and continuing their education while serving or upon discharge are also eligible for the scholarship.

Brandon had a wonderful sense of humor, and was always ready to ease a tense situation, or provide some comic relief. Brandon's relationships with his friends were very important to him. His friends describe him as a young man who was very supportive and was there to listen when needed. Brandon was a very compassionate young man, who reached out to those around him. Brandon was an amazing young man, who really went out of his way for others. He was always the DD in high school and years after, gave people he didn't know a hand, whether it was the homeless guy at his apartment or someone who had broken down on the highway. He stood up for people who were being picked on and would get in the middle of things if he felt an injustice was being done.

Brandon also played sports, was involved in Drama and loved Jim Carey. He had a huge heart and a bigger appetite! Brandon was constantly eating and spent most of his paycheck on food. He was thinking of becoming an actor, or a Pilot and was also thinking of reenlisting in the Marines. As you can see Brandon wanted to do everything, and was working on all those things when he died. Brandon was never mean to anyone, and he was always willing to help out when needed. He wasn't an amazing student in high school but did okay. He started rising to his potential after high school, finding his way in the world. We are hoping this scholarship recognizes a student who doesn't have an amazing GPA, but wants to go out and do more, be more and find their way...