

Josh Bidwell Foundation Scholarship

2026 GENERAL

Application deadline: February 27, 2026

Josh Bidwell was a Douglas High School student and standout athlete. He played for UofO and was drafted by the Green Bay Packers. In his rookie year as the starting punter, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer and moved back to Oregon to receive treatment. At this time Roseburg's Community Cancer Center had not been established and Josh had to travel to Portland for treatment. Because of the circumstances of his treatment, the Josh Bidwell Foundation came to be in 2006 with a vision to aid local cancer patients. Our second goal is to support local youth programs, like those that had such an impact on Josh in his early years.

The JBF Scholarship program was established in 2016 to further the foundation's vision of giving back and making a difference in this community. The scholarships are presented annually to students who display a promising future in becoming contributing citizens of their community. To date, the foundation has awarded over \$165,000 to the youth of Douglas County.

Award: \$10,000

Requirements & details:

- Graduating Senior of a Douglas County high school
- GPA 3.5 +
- ***Special consideration:** given to applicants with an immediate family member affected by cancer, past or present. (i.e. personal survivor, parent, grandparent or sibling only)
- FAFSA confirmation page
- FAFSA SAI, financial need may or may not be considered
- Must attend a 2- or 4-year, public, nonprofit or vocational school and enroll half time
- HS transcript
- 2 Letters of recommendation
- Activities & volunteer chart
- Essay questions
- Interviews will be conducted with finalists during March and or April and winners presented at JBF Auction & Dinner; June 27, 2026.

Student information sheet

Scholarship: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

High School: _____

GPA: _____

College plans: _____

Please include only the following, **IN ORDER, STAPLED IN UPPER LEFT:**

1. Student info sheet with scholarship name in upper right hand corner
2. Photo of yourself, 4x6 or smaller
3. Activities & volunteer work
4. School transcript
5. FAFSA confirmation page
6. FAFSA SAI sheet, financial need may or may not be considered
7. Essay questions and answers
8. 2 Letters of recommendation

Essay Questions: Answer each in 300 words or less, include word count.

1. Community service and volunteer work often happen quietly without recognition. What's one behind the scenes effort you've made that most people wouldn't notice, but truly mattered?
2. Tell us about a time you helped someone else succeed. How did that experience shape your own drive or sense of responsibility?
3. Imagine your community faces a challenge, but you only have \$100 and a group of volunteers. How would you use those limited resources to make the biggest impact?
4. **IN LIEU OF QUESTION 2 IF APPLICABLE:** Tell us how cancer has affected you and your family?

Postmarked no later than February 27, 2026

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