

Justin Sheftel Memorial Scholarship Award



**One \$7,500 Scholarship Awarded
Application Deadline is April 15th, 2024**

In June 2005, a drunk driver tragically killed **Justin Sheftel**. The Justin Sheftel Memorial Scholarship Award has been established to honor and remember Justin's life. The ideal candidate for this scholarship would possess many of the characteristics and qualities that Justin exemplified in his life. **We are looking for the uncommon hero; a hard worker, reliable friend, and determined student.** For example, one of his best friends presented the scholarship, and we felt best put into words the type of candidate that would meet these qualifications.

"This award is an un-common award. What makes this scholarship unique is that when looking for the most deserving candidate, one must take a step back and recite the acronym "WWJD"- What Would Justin Do? He worked hard in everything he did and received good grades, SAT scores, but it didn't stop there. He worked hard for everything, and even if he wasn't a natural, he worked to develop his skills- not only in sports but also in all aspects of life. He was the first of my friends to ever hold a paying job. The Justin Sheftel Memorial Scholarship rewards those individuals who have the humility to be a team player, and yet possess the passion to keep on going even when the best is out there playing. *"Alex Ullman, 2005 Emmaus High School Graduate, Univ. of Penn Graduate*

Additionally, Ryan Schmidt, a dear friend of Justin's added, "when I think of Justin I think of a selfless individual, willing to sacrifice for the greater good, a friend who you could trust that you knew would be there when you needed him. I know he was never the star athlete, but he was someone with great passion and drive for what he loved and believed in. He was someone that earned the respect of his peers through hard work." *2005 Parkland Graduate, Ursinus College Graduate*

Interested candidates must:

- Be a senior who will be graduating from either Louis E. Dieruff High School, or William Allen High School, in June 2024, and attending a College, University, or Trade School in the fall of 2024.
- Have been active on an Athletic Team (club level or freshman/JV/Varsity).
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Have been involved in extra-curricular activities, community service, or an after school/summer job
- Complete the attached application
- Submit three letters of recommendation pertaining to the applicant's character and personality; at least two should be from teachers or a guidance counselor.
- **Do not submit transcripts.**
- Submit an Essay, no more than 650 words, on the following *PROMPT: Tell us about yourself; how you feel you best portray those characteristics that were recognized in Justin by his peers on page 1 of the application. Explain how you have a passion for something and have continued to pursue, learn, and explore to become better at what you do and love.*

Due to our experience with Covid we changed our awards process and felt it worked much better for all. Instead of a reward granted at an assembly we will schedule a zoom call with the finalists. If selected you will meet with members of the scholarship committee, and Justin Sheftel Memorial Board. A decision will be reached, and you will be notified after the zoom sessions are completed. We look forward to meeting our finalists, and to the discussions.

Instructions - Application

Interested students should complete and submit the application to your school counselor, no later than **April 15th, 2024**.

Letters of recommendation should be emailed by the recommender, directly to your school counselor.

A committee of people associated with the Justin Sheftel Memorial Foundation will determine the Scholarship winner.

Complete the following application and submit to your school counselor, along with your essay.

Personal Information: (confidential)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Schools accepted/plan to attend:

GPA:

List sport and number of years involved with team or club:

List all school, community, or work activities in which you have participated:

Activity	Year(s)
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