



**Jordan M. Byrd  
Silver Star Scholarships**

**Guidelines and Application Forms**

**For the**

**2017 – 2018 School Year**

**April 2, 2018**



## **Jordan M. Byrd Silver Star Scholarship**

### **Background Information for Students**

Just for a brief moment, if you would walk with us on a short journey with a lot of miles about a young man, Jordan M. Byrd, whose name this scholarship honors. Jordan was born November 16, 1990.

Growing up like most young boys very busy and active, however a few things were amazing that set him apart. He had an unusually deep love for every member of his family throughout his life, he was always proud to be around them.

Jordan's contagious smile and thumbs up attitude became a trademark to all around him which drew people to him from all walks of life. It became evident to his family and all associated with Jordan that he would live an unselfish life as we witnessed him serve others. He grew up giving so much to his family and friends, asking for little in return. He excelled in his schooling, serving as the Senior Class President, Member of the National Honors Society and Captain of his baseball team.

As Jordan neared the completion of High School, his focus on the future became more evident. His deep love for his family created a desire for him to have goals of being a stable provider for his own family. His aspirations of becoming a Medical Doctor and caring for others, took him in the path of the United States Army where he wanted to be a Combat Medic, then he was to go on to college with his military experience.

During his Medic training he married the love of his life, Savanna in December of 2009. On September 9, 2010, Jordan and Savanna shared in the pure joy of welcoming a little boy into the world named Ayden. That early morning everyone in "Jordan's World" got play by play text updates right up to Ayden's welcome arrival.

Just a few short days later on September 13, Jordan was deployed with his 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Unit out of Kentucky to Afghanistan. Telling him goodbye that day, it had not crossed our minds that we would hear the unbearable news on October 13, 2010 that our Jordan had been killed in action while on a patrol, when one of his buddies in his squad was wounded, being a trained Combat Medic without regards to himself he ran to his side providing aid and protection by shielding him with his body only to be shot. They were both evacuated by a chopper. Jordan's dream of being a husband, father, son and doctor was silenced so unexpectedly.

Our family humbly accepted the Flag that he gave his life for. We also were honored in his behalf to receive his combat medals including a Combat Medic Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star and the Silver Star that was given for the selfless thought of his life given in the care of his own on the battle field.

During this short walk with you, our hope as a family is you have felt what this scholarship means to us by you accepting this in the quiet Honor of Jordan that his legacy for you to continue in a life of selfless service to all you will come in contact with.

As a family we have been elevated by the short journey we were privileged to share with him and we will be forever grateful to our God for allowing us to rub shoulders with him and look forward to being with him again.



## **Jordan M. Byrd Silver Star Scholarship**

### **Guidelines and Instructions**

The families of Jordan M. Byrd and the Tooele Education Foundation have collaborated in the creation and implementation of a memorial scholarship program. The Byrd family is funding scholarships for the 2017-2018 school years.

Two types of scholarships will be available. They include the Jordan M. Byrd Memorial Scholarship and the Jordan M. Byrd Silver Star Scholarship.

The scholarships are available to any qualifying student in each of the school district's six high schools as well as students graduating from Adult Education.

The Jordan M. Byrd Memorial Scholarships will be in the amount of \$500.00 (more than one scholarship may be awarded). The Jordan M. Byrd Silver Star Scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,500.00 (more than one scholarship may be awarded).

The availability of the scholarships will be promoted by the Tooele Education Foundation in cooperation with the school district through the high schools and counseling offices. Applications will be made available at all district high schools and at the Adult Education Office.

The application deadline for the 2017-2018 school years is Monday 2, 2018. Scholarship winners will be announced near the end of the school year.

A committee of family members, TEF Directors and other guests will select the students to receive the scholarships from those applicants who apply. The awards will be made by a member of the family or their representative at the appropriate high school award ceremony or directly to the recipient.

The scholarships may be used at an Applied Technology College, Community College or University selected by the student.

The applicant may apply for one or both scholarships. If you apply for both, you must complete two separate applications.

## **General Information**

1. Students must submit their application using the prescribed application form.
2. Senior students or junior students graduating early, from any of TCSD high school or graduates of the Adult Education program may apply.
3. Special consideration will be given to students pursuing a career in a medical profession or who have shown an interest in the medical field as shown by classes and/or work experience taken in high school.
4. Payments of the scholarships will be made when the scholarships are awarded or soon thereafter. Students must provide evidence of their acceptance and registration from the ATC, college or university he/she will be attending prior to receipt of the check. Checks may also be sent to the school the recipient will attend at the discretion of the TEF.
5. Dependent children of Foundation Board of Directors members and the Byrd family are not eligible for these scholarships.
6. Deadline for applications is the end of the school day on Monday, April 2, 2018.
7. Applications must be submitted to the student's high school scholarship coordinator, school counseling office, or to the adult education office. They will then be forwarded to the Tooele Education Foundation.

## **Scholarship Preferences and Areas of Special Interest**

These scholarships are being established to help needy students who may require special help with expenses related to pursuing higher education, particularly in the medical field. Factors that will weigh heavily in the selection process include:

- The quality, completeness and content of the application packet.
- The content of the letters of recommendation.
- The quality of the student essay. Please proof read and correct your essay.
- Demonstrated interest and / or aptitude toward the medical profession.
- Single mothers with educational intentions enrolled in Adult Education.

## **Rating and Scoring of Application**

Scoring and evaluation of scholarship application will be weighted in the following areas. Please read and understand how the application will be rated: 100 points shall be divided into the following areas:

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| • Essay One - "Why you want to pursue..." | 30 points possible |
| • Essay Two - "What is Patriotism?"       | 30 points possible |
| • Leadership and Community Service        | 15 points possible |
| • Recommendation Letter                   | 5 points possible  |
| • Medical preparation and experience      | 15 points possible |
| • GPA/ACT scores                          | 5 points possible  |



## Jordan M. Byrd Silver Star Scholarship

### Application Form

The Tooele County School District Education Foundation is accepting applications for the Jordan M. Byrd Memorial Silver Star Scholarships.

**The following application must be completed in full and as directed and submitted for the 2017-2018 school year to your high school scholarship coordinator, counselor's office or adult education offices prior to the end of the school day on Monday, April 2, 2018.**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Additional Information Required:**

High school Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a certified transcript of credit from your high school including ACT score.

Technical College, Community College or University you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

As of the date of this application, have you been accepted to this institution? Yes ( ) No ( )

Course of study you plan to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

What semester or date do you plan to begin your studies? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received other scholarships? Yes ( ) No ( ) If yes, please name them and indicate the amount of support being provided by each.

Do you have special situations that warrant consideration? If so, please explain:

## **Specific Application Information:**

Requirements for the Jordan M. Byrd Silver **Star Scholarship** (\$1500 award) are:

1. Complete all application form information.
2. Demonstrate that you have maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the graduating year.
3. You must attach a certified transcript of credit from your high school including your ACT score.
4. The student must intend to pursue a career in a medical field.
5. Include a list of medical work-related experience or classes you have already taken in the medical field.
6. Essay one - Write and submit an essay (essays should not exceed 800 words) explaining your **reasons for pursuing education in the medical field**.
7. Essay two - After reading the "Background Information for Students" found in the application materials, thoughtfully write an essay explaining **your understanding and feelings regarding "Patriotism"**. What is patriotism? Do you possess this attribute of character? Please explain in your second essay. Please proofread essays and submit quality work.
8. Include one letter of recommendation from a teacher, community leader, employer or someone who has the ability to speak to your character, needs and educational intentions.
9. Provide a list of community service projects that you have been involved with.
10. Provide a list of leadership opportunities that have helped you grow.
11. Be willing to maintain contact with the Foundation, provide follow-up information and provide a written report on the use of the scholarship funds and progress you have made in advancing your education following the first year of post secondary education.

**Please do not bind your application or submit it binders or in plastic sheets.**

**Please note: In administering scholarship programs the Tooele Education Foundation reserves the right to award scholarships in varying amounts, numbers and locations depending on available resources, the number and quality of applications and other factors. We reserve the right to modify and adapt scholarships in order to most effectively administer them.**

**Assemble all materials requested and submit them prior to the end of the school day on**

**Monday, April 2, 2018**

**Late applications will not be accepted.**