

Josh Houchins Memorial Scholarship Criteria

For a Student with a Medical Diagnosis or Disability

SOURCE	Established by NorthEast Independent Living Services in memory of Joshua W. Houchins.	
TARGET	A student with a significant disability planning to attend a college, university, vocational school, or certificate program for which the applicant has applied.	
ELIGIBILITY	Applicants must meet <u>ALL</u> the following criteria	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Be a graduating high school senior who will be receiving a diploma at the conclusion of this academic year;2) Be a resident of Clark, Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, or Pike counties in Missouri;3) Complete the Josh Houchins Memorial Scholarship Application;4) Submit a 1-2 page essay (12 font, double spaced) describing how the student is able to see past the barriers of his/her medical diagnosis and how it benefits and/or inspires them to reach goals and overcome challenges on a daily basis. Students are encouraged to free-write about their life experiences based upon having a disability. Reasonable Accommodations Accepted! (Contact Brooke Kendrick with questions)5) Provide a copy of the acceptance letter from the College, University, or Vocational School for which the applicant has applied.6) Submit a one-page letter of recommendation from a teacher who knows the applicant very well. The purpose of this letter is to provide information about the person, not their academic background. The letter is to be signed, dated, and placed in a sealed envelope and submitted with the scholarship application.	
VALUE	This scholarship will be used to assist with tuition, fees, books, on-campus housing, or adaptive technology to assist with schooling. This scholarship is a one-time scholarship of \$500 and may be payable to the individual or institution.	
DUE	April 1	
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Should the awarded student change institutions or elect to withdraw enrollment from the institution prior to the first academic semester, the student shall contact NorthEast Independent Living Services and agrees to return the financial award. This shall be determined by the Scholarship Committee.