

Rochester Kids

Jeff Milano-Johnson Memorial Scholarship and Shamar Patterson Scholarship

Rochester Kids was established in memory of Jeff Milano-Johnson, a 14 year old boy who died suddenly in 2007 of a ruptured brain aneurysm, while warming up for a lacrosse game. The goal of the fund is to improve the lives and future of youth in the Rochester area.

Several minutes after Jeff collapsed on the lacrosse field, another young man, Shamar Patterson, 16, was killed in a drive by shooting in Rochester. Shamar was a junior at Gates-Chili High School and was visiting his grandmother and some childhood friends the day he died. Shamar's family had moved to the suburbs because they were safer than the city. Similar to Jeff, Shamar was "a very outgoing, energetic class clown."

Jeff and Shamar's mothers shared the same floor on the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit the day their sons died. Both boys were organ donors. Subsequently, the families became friends. Jeff and Shamar's lives and deaths were different from one another. Yet both families shared similar pain and hurt. They also shared common dreams for their boys.

Rochester Kids focuses on providing kids the opportunities that Jeff would have had had he lived. Rochester Kids was established in memory of Jeff Milano-Johnson and in honor of Shamar Patterson. The memory of these young men entering hand in hand their next life together has helped sharpen the focus of Rochester Kids...making a difference in the lives of Rochester youth...one child at a time.

For more information go to: www.rochesterkids.org



Rochester Kids
214 Woodland Road,
Pittsford, NY 14534
www.rochesterkids.org

Application for the Jeff Milano-Johnson Memorial Scholarship and the Shamar Patterson Scholarship

Application Requirements:

Completed applications must be submitted to Rochester Kids, c/o Milano, 214 Woodland Road, Pittsford, NY 14534 by March 31st. Completed applications can also be scanned and emailed to njm@rochester.rr.com . **A completed application must include: a statement from the applicant, two letters of references one from a school official (teacher, coach, principal), a copy of the applicant's transcript and the checklist page with the applicants signature to the scholarship commitments. Letters of reference must come from someone other than a relative or guardian.**

Eligibility:

The application will be open to all seniors graduating from a Rochester high school or residing in Rochester who followed all the rules, regulations and procedures of his/her School District.

Criteria:

Applicant must demonstrate the ability to succeed in college, technical or trade school or other post high school advancement program. This is most frequently demonstrated in a grade point average of 2.5 or higher AND/OR excelling in a particular subject area or skill set. Applicant must demonstrate financial need. Other criteria considered include employment or volunteering or assisting others, perseverance, and pursuit of a passion or strong expertise/interest.

Applicants must submit a completed application packet which includes:

- the application form with a personal statement
- two references one from a school official (teacher, coach, principal...)
- acceptance letter from the college, technical or trade school or other post high-school advancement program (letter of intent must be submitted before award)
- high school transcript to include senior grades to date, official class rank, grade point averages

References from a relative or family member are not permissible.

Preference will be given to applicants who have submitted a letter of recommendation from an individual who has been positively affected by the applicant e.g. a community or activity sponsor, employer, minister, teacher, peer or child.

Award:

If selected for the scholarship, the student will be awarded \$1000 to go for expenses for college, a technical or trade school or other post high school advancement programs. A copy of the student's "letter of intent" from the college or post high school advancement program s/he is attending must be submitted prior to disbursement of Funds.

The student who is awarded the scholarship will be required to: submit a picture to be posted on the website within five days of notification of the scholarship; assist at the only fundraiser for the JMJ Fund, a regional lacrosse tournament held at Total Sports Experience in Gates Sunday of the first weekend in June; respond to periodic emails to keep the Fund informed of your progress and write a testimonial or be interviewed after the first year of college or the program.

To Be Completed by Applicant

Application Form
Jeff Milano-Johnson Memorial Scholarship and Shamar Patterson Scholarship

Check one box below (the application is the same):

- I wish to apply only for the Jeff Milano-Johnson Scholarship
- I wish to apply only for the Shamar Patterson Scholarship
- I wish to be considered for both scholarships.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zipcode

Phone no. _____

Home

Cell

Email address if available: _____

High school: _____

High school awards, honors, or other scholarships received: _____

Extracurricular activities in which you are involved (including paid employment, volunteer work, and sports or hobbies) and dates: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ **Class Rank** _____ **Out of:** _____

Number of persons in household (including yourself) _____

My family gross income is: (please check)

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 – 35,000
- \$35,000 - 45,000
- Greater than \$45,000

Expected family contribution from FAFSA/SAR: _____

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Please send this before March 31st to: Rochester Kids, c/o Milano
214 Woodland Rd. Pittsford, NY. 14534

Please list below the college and/or program you will be attending or have been accepted into. Please include an acceptance letter or letter of intent. Letter of intent is required before any award is made. Please indicate what field of study you intend to pursue.

Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zipcode

Phone no. _____

Email address if applicable: _____

Personal statement:

Please describe in no more than 250 – 300 words an influential person or event that has occurred in your life and how it has affected you and your future plans.

**This and all other application information must be sent by March 31st to: Rochester Kids,
c/o Milano, 214 Woodland Rd. Pittsford, NY. 14534**

**Jeff Milano-Johnson Memorial Scholarship and Shamar Patterson
Scholarship
Letter of Recommendation Form
Reference 1
From School Official**

Applicant's Name: _____

Person providing letter of recommendation:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zipcode: _____

Contact Information:

Phone Number: _____

Home

Cell

Email address: _____

Your relationship to the Applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant: Since: _____
month/year

What is the highest grade point average a student can attain at your high school? _____

Why should the applicant be considered for this scholarship? Please state examples of the applicant's ability to work at the college level or excel in another post high school advancement program:

Why should the applicant be considered for this scholarship (continued)?

**Please send this letter of recommendation before March 31st to: Rochester Kids, c/o
Milano, 214 Woodland Rd. Pittsford, NY. 14534**

**Jeff Milano-Johnson Memorial Scholarship and Shamar Patterson
Scholarship
Letter of Recommendation Form
Reference 2**

Applicant's Name: _____

Person providing letter of recommendation:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip code: _____

Contact Information:

Phone Number: _____

Home

Cell

Email address: _____

Your relationship to the Applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant: Since: _____
month/year

Why should the applicant be considered for this scholarship? Please state examples of the applicant's ability to work at the college level or excel in another post high school advancement program.

**To be completed by Second Reference
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Why should the applicant be considered for this scholarship (continued)?

**Please send this letter of recommendation postmarked before March 31st to: Rochester
Kids, c/o Milano, 214 Woodland Rd. Pittsford, NY. 14534**

**Scholarship Checklist
To Be Submitted With Application**

- Front two pages of application for applicant to complete**
- Applicant Personal statement**
- Recommendation One from School Official**
- Recommendation Two**
- High School Transcripts**
- Acceptance Letter/Letter of Intent to Enter College or Post High School Advancement Program (with initial application or by May 1st the latest)**
- Picture (with application or within 5 days of notification of award)**

Applicants Commitment Statement

If awarded the scholarship, I will provide a picture within 5 days of notification of the award, receive the scholarship in person, and agree to be photographed. Photographs may be used in the organization's materials and on its website to help increase its ability to help additional kids. I agree to volunteer at least four hours for Rochester Kids by participating in the JMJ Memorial Lacrosse Tournament held the first Sunday of the first weekend in June in Gates, NY or by providing other administrative support during the summer. I agree to respond to periodic emails during the year to provide updates on my progress and to write a testimonial or participate in an interview at the end of the first academic or program year.

Print Name

Signature

Please send this along with the rest of the application by March 31st to Rochester Kids, 214 Woodland Road, Pittsford NY 14534