



PALADY

FOUNDATION

Scholarship Application Information

Biography

Brandon Palady was born November 23, 1986 in Dallas, Texas. He spent his early school years in Desoto and at the age of four began playing soccer. He continued playing this sport throughout his childhood and teen years. Although Brandon ran track, played football and engaged in numerous other sports throughout his school years, soccer was his passion and love. In the fall of 2001, Brandon and his family moved to Ovilla, Texas. Brandon continued playing soccer for the Midlothian High School Panthers. Brandon graduated from Midlothian High School in 2005 and attended Baylor University where he continued his passion for soccer through the intramural soccer program.

As the result of an unfortunate accident in Waco, Texas Brandon's life was cut short at 19 years. However Brandon's passion for life and love of people will live on. Brandon always reached out to those that needed help and lived his life with purpose and passion.

Purpose

To demonstrate and memorialize Brandon's love of soccer and his compassion for others, the **Brandon Palady Memorial Soccer Scholarship**, through the inspiration of Coach Austin Guest and his staff, was set up by the Midlothian Panthers Soccer Booster Club and the Palady Family. This scholarship was set up to provide a financial resource to deserving young men and/or deserving young women from the Midlothian area high school soccer programs to further their education after graduation. With the addition of Midlothian Heritage High School, recipients will be chosen from applications received from seniors at both campuses.

Criteria for Selection

The recipient must have actively participated in the MISD High School Soccer Programs with special consideration for participation in the Brandon Palady Memorial 4v4 Tournament, must prove enrollment in an accredited college, junior college or technical school after graduation, and must perpetuate the image of Brandon Palady through the following characteristics:

1. Participation in MISD Soccer Programs..... 25 points
2. Character and Leadership20 points
3. Academic skills.....15 points
4. Mentorship in the Soccer Program 20 points
5. Mentorship in the Community..... 20 points

Duration of Scholarship

The scholarship is granted for one year and is a one-time award for each recipient upon verification of enrollment and attendance at an accredited junior or senior college or university.

Amount of Scholarship

The number of scholarships awarded and the amounts of scholarship awards will be at the discretion of the Selection Committee each year. At a minimum it is desirable to award at least two scholarships per academic school year. Representative college bound seniors from both MISD high school men's soccer teams and MISD high school women's soccer teams will be considered for these awards. Awards may be distributed in one lump sum amount and mailed to the recipients local address. It is the responsibility of the recipient to email their college schedule to brandonpaladyfoundation@yahoo.com. The schedule must include the students name.

Time of Application

Applications must be postmarked by April 1st of each year for consideration. Application forms may be obtained from the Scholarship Page at www.brandonpaladyfoundation.org.

Selection Committee

The selection committee is determined each year by the Brandon Palady Foundation board members.

A dependent of a Selection Committee member is ineligible to apply for a scholarship.

Letters of Reference

* Two letters of reference must accompany your application. One from a teacher, counselor, coach or administrator and one from an outside source as in a previous employer, civic leader, or clergy.

APPLICATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR LETTERS OF REFERENCE TO:

**PALADY FOUNDATION
C/O Amy Nutt
5629 Shallow Creek Dr
Midlothian, TX 76065**

**Brandon Palady Memorial Soccer Scholarship
Application Form**

General Information

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Participation in MISD Soccer Programs Including the Brandon Palady Memorial 4v4 Tournament:

To be considered for this scholarship, participation in a MISD Soccer Program is mandatory while voluntary participation in the Brandon Palady Memorial 4v4 Tournament is highly recommended and considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Scholarship awards are based on attitude, participation in a MISD Soccer programs as well as in the Brandon Palady 4v4 Tournament, academic standing, and volunteer work in the community. Team placement or applicant position and/or capacity in the program do not guarantee or exclude an applicant from consideration by the selection committee. It is important that you answer all questions completely and provide a comprehensive summary of past and current participation in these programs. If more room is needed, please attach additional pages as necessary.

Have you been involved in the MISD Soccer Programs? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what school/team? School _____ Girls' Varsity _____ Girl's JV _____ Boys' Varsity _____ Boy's JV _____

In what capacity? Player _____ Manager _____ Trainer _____ Other (Explain) _____

How long have you been involved in a MISD Soccer Program? _____

Have you been involved in the Annual Brandon Palady Memorial 4v4 Tournament? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, in what capacity? Volunteer _____ Referee _____ Coach _____ Player _____ Other (Explain) _____

How long have you been involved in the Brandon Palady Memorial 4v4 Tournament? _____

Please provide a short summary of your involvement with soccer in general, with emphasis on the MISD Soccer Programs and the Brandon Palady Memorial 4v4 Tournament. Include experiences and involvement in chronological order, starting with your earliest involvement to current day (attach additional sheets as necessary). _____

Character and Leadership:

What qualities and characteristics do you possess that make you stand out in the school and community as an individual with high moral character and leadership qualities? List special activities, awards, honors, other types of recognition, leadership positions held and any other special skills or activities which you feel will support this category (attached additional sheets if necessary).

Academics:

Class Rank: _____ Current GPA: _____

School activities in which you have been involved: _____

Other special awards or honors which support this category: _____

Mentorship in the MISD Soccer Programs:

Mentorship is defined as the student's willingness to teach, council, or guide peers, underclassman and others on team sportsmanship, qualities of play, encouragement, support, leadership and friendship. What qualities or characteristics would you say you possess that set you apart as a mentor in the MISD soccer program? Please explain and provide specific examples:

What about mentorship in other soccer programs throughout your soccer career? Please explain and provide specific examples:

Mentorship Outside of Soccer

What character traits or qualities would you say you possess that help you to be a good mentor.....

....to your peers?

....in your school?

.....in your community?

Describe any other events in your life that you feel have contributed to your personal growth and character in these areas.

Other Information:

Provide a short summary as to why you feel you deserve this scholarship. You may want to include your career goals, personal goals, and any other information you feel will convince the selection committee that you are the right choice as a recipient of this scholarship. You may also attach any letters of recommendation, awards, certificates, or other supporting documents you feel will substantiate your responses to this application:
