

Christopher J Chute Memorial Scholarship



\$1,000 Annual Scholarship to be awarded in 2025 and offered to candidates from Hinsdale Central High School.

Deadline for the scholarship submission is April 8, 2025. Please submit the completed application via email to info@chutehigher.org. In regards to the HCHS Faculty/Staff/Guidance recommender, please have them email the completed form to kirsten@chutehigher.org.

The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior with a minimum GPA of 3.2 (unweighted) who will be pursuing a post-secondary education at an accredited college or university, has taken four years of a foreign language in high school and intends participate in a study abroad program outside the US during their time in college.

Application for this scholarship requires a recommendation from one faculty/staff member or their guidance counselor at HCHS.

Purpose:

The Christopher J Chute Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Chris Chute, a 2016 graduate of Hinsdale Central and 2020 graduate of DePauw University. Chris majored in Philosophy at DePauw and participated in two study abroad programs during his time in college. The first was a semester in Amsterdam, The Netherlands and the second was a summer Fellowship program in Nice, France. These experiences overseas proved to be the happiest and most productive of his short life, where he experienced immense personal growth and expanded his understanding of people and other cultures. It is our hope that this scholarship can help Hinsdale Central students achieve their educational goals and participate in a university sponsored study abroad program in college.

Christopher J Chute Memorial Scholarship Application



Name of Applicant: _____

Applicant Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Background: On August 31, 2021, we lost our only son, Chris, creating a vast hole in our lives that could not be filled. As the months passed after his death, we knew we needed to create a lasting memory dedicated to what was so dear to him - his experiences studying and traveling overseas. To that end, we established the Christopher J Chute Charitable Trust for Study Abroad, affectionately known as 'ChuteHigher'. Our goal is for all students, regardless of their financial status, to be able to 'Chute Higher' and achieve their educational goals. Please visit our website at ChuteHigher.org for more information on our beloved son, Chris.

Chris was a 2016 graduate of Hinsdale Central and truly loved his time at HCHS, including his teachers, staff and friends who were all so important in his life. He would enjoy seeing future HCHS graduates benefit from the Christopher J Chute Charitable Trust.

Criteria for consideration of this scholarship include:

- 1.) Hinsdale Central Graduating Senior with a GPA of 3.2 (unweighted)
- 2.) Took four years of a foreign language at Hinsdale Central
- 3.) Has the desire and intent to participate in a university sponsored study abroad program while in college
- 4.) Recommendation from one faculty/staff member or guidance counselor at Hinsdale Central. Please have the recommender email the confidential form to kirsten@chutehigher.org.
- 5.) Consideration will be given to financial need
- 6.) Completion of this Scholarship Application to be sent to info@chutehigher.org

Please include short answers to the questions listed below and return entire application to info@chutehigher.org.

- 1.) Which foreign language did you study at HCHS and do you plan to continue to study this language in college?

2.) Is it your intent to be able to study abroad in college and if so, what countries interest you and why?

3.) How do you believe global study abroad experiences can help in your personal growth and understanding of people?

4.) What is your overall unweighted GPA?

5.) What college(s) have you applied to and/or will be attending next year?

6.) Have you applied for Financial Aid? Please describe any circumstances related to your family's financial status that would give us an understanding of the importance of this scholarship to you.

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Confidential Recommendation Form

Student Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Please return via email to kirsten@chutehigher.org

Part 1: Compared to other high school seniors, how do you see this student in terms of these traits? (check appropriate column for each attribute)

	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
Personal Character/Qualities					
Potential for Success in College					
Level of Maturity					
Foreign language ability (if known)					

Part 2: Please provide a few comments as to the character of this student – specifically as it relates to their caring and concern for fellow human beings and their willingness to engage in learning.

Printed Name of Recommender: _____

Title: _____

Signature of Recommender: _____