



## **Christopher J Chute Memorial Scholarship**

\$1,000 Annual Scholarship offered to candidates from Hinsdale Central High School.

Deadline for scholarship submission to the school is March 20, 2026.

To a graduating senior with a minimum GPA of 3.2 (unweighted) who will be attending a post-secondary education at an accredited college or university, has taken at least four years of a foreign language and is interested in studying abroad during their time in college.

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

### **Purpose:**

The Christopher J Chute Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Christopher 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. 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. 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

## ChuteHigher.org

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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 so 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 member at Hinsdale Central.
- 5.) Completion of Scholarship Application below



5.) Please detail which college you plan to attend or to which you have applied.

6.) Describe any financial circumstances that would make this scholarship valuable to your university education.

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Confidential Recommendation Form

Please return via email to [kirsten@chutehigher.org](mailto:kirsten@chutehigher.org)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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					

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 about other cultures.

Printed Name of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_