

Kyle William Kiihnl Memorial Scholarship

OVERVIEW

Kyle Kiihnl was a 17-year-old junior at Houston High School in Germantown, TN when he lost his life to a driver that fell asleep at the wheel. Since that time his family has made it their mission to educate drivers on the dangers of driving sleep impaired. His family and friends do not want his untimely death to be his legacy.

Rather, his fun sense of humor, love for his family, enjoyment of being with his friends, and his uncanny ability to bring a smile to every face in the room is his legacy. While he was naturally gifted academically, he also enjoyed restoring his 1974 Firebird, playing the guitar, and anything having to do with computers.

In 2020 we are offering a \$1000 College Scholarship. The scholarship recipient will be selected by the Kyle Kiihnl Scholarship Committee.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the Class of 2020
- Finalist(s) must be available to be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee
- Scholarship recipient can use the KWKMS at the college/trade school of his/her choice *within 2 years of being named a recipient.*

The essay will be the primary factor in determining scholarship recipient(s).

WHEN TO APPLY

- Scholarship packet (1 envelope) must be **postmarked by February 22, 2020.**
- Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Mail all of the submission documents no later than February 22, 2020 to:

Kyle Kiihnl Memorial Scholarship
1886 Peshurst Drive
Collierville TN 38017

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

March 1, 2020: Scholarship Committee members will receive and review essays.

March 30, 2020: The scholarship recipient will be formally announced on social media and kylekiihnlfoundation.org.

Funds will be distributed to the college of the recipient's choice when proof of enrollment is received.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Cover letter.
2. 400 word minimum essay (Times New Roman, font size 12) on one of the following topics*:
 - Explain why Maggie's Law is a major step forward in getting us to realize the seriousness of driving sleepy.
 - Describe a drowsy driving incident experienced by you, a friend or family member. What led up to this incident and how could it have been prevented?
 - Should drowsy driving be prosecuted like drunk driving or texting and driving?

** Any use of plagiarism will be automatic grounds for elimination.*

3. Copy of Acceptance Letter from college/trade school of choice.
4. Applicant must take the pledge to not drive drowsy at <https://dontdrivedrowsy.org>.
5. For best results, applicant should use only the latest drowsy driving data provided by NHTSA at nhtsa.gov

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Don't Drive Drowsy ~ Just Pull Over**