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.

**Because of additional stress experienced by many TN high school seniors this year, in 2021 we are offering two (2) $1000 College Scholarships. The scholarship recipients will be selected by the Kyle Kiihnl Scholarship Committee.**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

* Applicant must be a TN high school senior from the Class of 2021.
* 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 23, 2021**.
* Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

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**Your packet must be postmarked by February 23, 2021.** Kyle Kiihnl Memorial Scholarship
1705 Fiddlers Elbow Drive, Germantown, TN 38138

**OR, email your application by 2/23/21 to** kwright@dontdrivedrowsy.org

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Cover Letter. A cover letter must be included with your contact information. And, tell us what you want us to know about you!
2. Essay. 400 word minimum (Times New Roman, font size 12) on one of the following topics. Choose 1.
* 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.*

1. Copy of Acceptance Letter from college/trade school of choice. Don’t have it yet? Apply anyway but tell us you have applied and where.
2. Applicant must take the pledge to not drive drowsy at <https://dontdrivedrowsy.org>.

*And*, follow us on Instagram at dontdrivedrowsytn.

1. For best results, use the latest drowsy driving data provided by NHTSA at nhtsa.gov

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS**

**March 8, 2021:** Scholarship Committee members will receive and review essays.

**April 6, 2021:** The scholarship recipient will be formally announced on social media and at www.kylekiihnlfoundation.org.

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