

Jason Stephenson Impact Scholarship

Jason Stephenson was a key leader in the movement to form Gulf Shores City Schools. Along with his family, he hosted the first in-home meeting to discuss the need for a city school system. As an avid supporter of Gulf Shores City Schools, Jason founded the Dolphin Dads and co-founded the Dolphin Foundation for Education and Arts. He was deeply committed to the success of Gulf Shores Schools and never shied away from expressing his enthusiasm for teachers, academic programs, and extracurricular activities. During his tenure as Chairman of The Dolphin Foundation, he was involved in the development of The Hangout Music Lab, The Center for Applied Design Powered by Volkert, the Waves of Steel band, the Barr Group Mortgage Financial Literacy Program, and many other initiatives.

Jason was not only dedicated to education in Gulf Shores, but he was a loyal friend to many. Throughout the community, he was widely known for his energy, enthusiasm, and infectious smile. He made an incredible impact on those who knew him. In honor of the lasting impact that Jason had on Gulf Shores City Schools, the Jason Stephenson Impact Scholarship of \$1,500.00 will be awarded to two Gulf Shores High School graduating seniors who are continuing their studies in college or a post-secondary technical program.

Eligibility

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating Gulf Shores High School Senior.
- Enroll in college or a post-secondary technical program in the fall semester following graduation.
- Please complete the application and submit the typed essay to director@thegsdf.org.

Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of college/technical school you plan to attend: _____

Please indicate your consent to allow DFEA/GSCS to share your essay publicly: ___ Yes ___ No

Essay

In a typed 250-500 word essay, describe a person associated with Gulf Shores City Schools who embodies some of the same personal characteristics displayed by Jason Stephenson, such as loyalty, commitment, generosity, joy, enthusiasm, friendship, or love. Provide one or more specific examples of how this person had a positive impact on your experience as a Gulf Shores City Schools' student.