Noah Costa was a Junior at Cypress Lake High School in Fort Myers, FL, and a defenceman on the Midget U-18AA team in the Florida Junior Everblades Hockey Program. Noah was a graduate of the Sanibel School, the Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis, TN, and the Hernando Middle School in Hernando, MS. Noah was active in youth hockey programs with both the Junior RiverKings and Junior StreetKings while at HMS.

Noah loved hockey and skating. He also enjoyed skim boarding, surfing, fishing, hiking, shooting, white water rafting, parasailing, rock climbing, skydiving, and all things extreme and outdoors. Noah loved to travel, and he spent a great deal of time in Canada, Mexico and the southwestern United States.





Noah's Gift Endowed Fund is housed at the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi, 315 Losher St., Suite 100, Hernando, MS 38632 <u>www.cfnm.org</u> 662.449.5002





Questions about your application?

Contact us! <u>noahsgift55@gmail.com</u> <u>www.Facebook.com/Noah.Costa.Gift</u> @NoahsGift



# Noah Costa's Gift

Noah's Gift Endowed Fund was established in memory of Noah Costa. Noah was adventuresome, athletic, and had a big heart. After his death at 16, the grant program was established to help teenagers pursue extraordinary experiences.



### **Qualifications:**

You must be 13-19 years of age.

### Instructions:

Our application is available on <u>www.noahsgift.org</u>, or through the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi, <u>www.cfnm.org</u>. Please fill out the application legibly, or type it. Incomplete/Illegible applications will not be considered.

Please review the application to see what we fund, how to apply, and deadlines to apply.

Attach extra sheets of paper as necessary.

Applications must be turned in to the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi, 315 Losher Street, Suite 100, Hernando, MS 38632. Applications can also be emailed to noahsgift55@gmail.com.

## Selection Process:

The Selection Committee, comprised of individuals with an average age of 25, meets a minimum of once per year to decide which dreams to fund. Grant awards are typically announced at the annual 5K in October by the Selection Committee; however, other announcements may be made throughout the year as funds become available. Historically, factors the Selection Committee may consider include asking, "What would Noah fund?" to aid in making their decision.

## Past Winners of Noah Costa's Gift:

#### **October 2012 Grant Winners**

Sherman Kimbo Lovett- play hockey for a Jr. A team Sarah Davis - create a modeling portfolio to build self esteem Caroline Morris - continue her volunteerism through a sorority

### **October 2013 Grant Winners**

Hannah Redden - Explore the eco-diversity of Costa Rica Blake Lowrie - Restore his 1973 Ford F100 truck with his grandfather Sadler McLendon - Back country Snowboarding in Colorado

### **October 2014 Grant Winners**

Austin Wiggins - Play on traveling hockey team Akil Thomas - Hockey equipment Catey Cuesta - Play on a competitive traveling hockey team Vincent Motzkus - Travel to Washington, D.C. to visit the Smithsonian and study American history

#### **October 2015 Grant Winners**

Eliot Felner - Attend "Leap Year" adventure in Nepal Sam Cox - Building a shade structure at Hernando Skate Park Christopher Meixsell - Attend Air Force Tennis Camp in Colorado Bethany Bobo - Travel to New York to visit culinary school

October 2016 Grant Winners Janice DeWitt - travel to Hawaii for an extreme adventure trip

January 2017 Grant Winners Victoria Sanders - Study Abroad in Amsterdam, London, and Legon Zada McGregor - Study Abroad in Italy











