



## NOAH COSTA'S GIFT GRANT APPLICATION

*Noah Costa's Gift is an endowed fund that was established in memory of Noah Costa at the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi. This grant exists to provide extraordinary experiences to deserving teens. Teens 13-19 can apply for a Noah Costa's Gift Grant.*



**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**

[www.noahsgift.org](http://www.noahsgift.org)

### **About Noah Costa**

Noah Costa was a vibrant, passionate young man. He lived life to the fullest through travel, sports, and his generous spirit!

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

Noah had an extended variety of interests. He loved Hockey and skating. He played baseball, soccer, football, and basketball. He also enjoyed skim boarding, surfing, fishing, hiking, shooting, white water rafting, parasailing, rock climbing, skydiving and all things extreme! Noah attended art, church, and sports camps. He was awarded 4<sup>th</sup> place in the state of Florida for video production, acted in many school plays, and was on the chess team.

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### **Selection Process**

The Noah Costa's Gift selection committee, comprised of individuals with an average age of 25, reviews applications and makes recommendations to the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi

Noah Costa's gift may fund up to 80% of the total cost of the related experience or a maximum \$2,500.00. All grant experiences must take place by the applicant's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. Teens are encouraged to re-apply if they are not awarded a grant with their original application and they meet all eligibility requirements.

One of the main questions the selection committee considers is, "What would Noah fund?" to aid in making their decision. For this reason, please keep Noah in mind and in your heart as you prepare your application materials. Noah would find many extraordinary experiences worth funding- including, but not limited to; arts, entertainment, music, athletics, and adventures. Previous grants funded are listed on the next page.

### **About Noah Costa's Gift**

Noah Costa's Gift grants are made to teens who dream to have an extraordinary experience! Noah Costa's Gift encourages applicants to be creative and to explore opportunities or goals they might not have otherwise had the means to achieve.

We encourage applicants to explore educational opportunities not covered by scholarships and financial aid such as study abroad or dues required for participation in service organizations. However, funds cannot be used for tuition expenses.

Although team sports were an important part of Noah's life, requests solely for sports equipment cannot be considered. Applications for travel or tryout expenses may be considered if the applicant demonstrates the impact it will have on them.

### **How to Apply**

To apply for a grant the teen must complete the attached form and include a short essay explaining who you are, what you want to do, how the experience will impact your life, how the experience fits into a larger goal, and why you are deserving of the grant. Applicants must also include a reference letter from a non-parent adult, information on the extraordinary experience (brochure, flier, or website), and a proposed budget outlining the cost and the applicants plan to raise any remaining funds. Be sure to include logistical information such as dates, locations, housing, travel, and other pertinent details.

All applications must be turned in by 5:00pm to the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi on September 4, 2020. Applications can be dropped off or mailed to 315 Loshier St., Suite 100, Hernando, MS 38632. PDF forms can be emailed to [noahsgift55@gmail.com](mailto:noahsgift55@gmail.com).

## Past Winners of Noah Costa's Gift:

**2012 Grant Winners**-Play hockey for a Jr. A team \* Create a modeling portfolio \* Continue volunteerism through a sorority

**2013 Grant Winners**-Explore the eco-diversity of Costa Rica \* Restore a 1973 Ford F100 truck with their grandfather \* Back-country Snowboarding in Colorado

**2014 Grant Winners**-Play on traveling hockey team \* Provide hockey equipment \* Play on a competitive traveling hockey team \* Travel to Washington, D.C. to visit the Smithsonian and study American history

**2015 Grant Winners**-"Leap Year" adventure in Nepal \* Build a shade structure at Hernando Skate Park \* Air Force Tennis Camp in Colorado \* Travel to New York to visit culinary school

**2016 Grant Winners**-Travel to Hawaii for an extreme adventure trip

**2017 Grant Winners**-Travel to London and Paris \* Attend Broadway Dance Camp in New York City \* Skydiving in Hawaii \* Attend Washington Youth Summit on the Environment \* Sing at Carnegie Hall

**2018 Grant Winners**-Attend ID Tech Camp at University of Memphis \* Participate in a Gladiator Reenactment in Italy \* Go on a Guided Deer Hunt \* Visit a dance school in New York \* Play Hockey at Ole Miss \* Travel to Italy \* Travel to Paris \* Travel to New York for Art Camp \* Becoming a Student Baseball Coach \* Scuba Diving in Cayman Brac \* Visiting the Havasupai Indian Reservation \* Fly Fishing in Colorado

**2019 Grant Winners**-Go on Mediterranean cruise \* Go on a guided deer hunt \* Attend BYU Cross Country Camp \* Attend PGA Basketball Camp \* Kayak and Hike through Appalachian Trail

### **Noah Costa's Gift Grant Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

(If graduated, list last school attended and year)

Parent/  
Guardian  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please attach:**

- Reference letter from a non-parent adult
- Information on the extraordinary experience Noah Costa's Gift would fund. This could be a brochure or flier from a relevant website or other source. If none is available, please create one yourself. Be sure the documentation includes important logistical information such as dates, locations, and other pertinent details.
- A budget for your experience. This should include a breakdown of the costs, including how much you have saved to supplement Noah Costa's Gift or how you will earn the additional funds.
- Application Essay: Answer the following questions: Who are you? What do you want to do? What impact will this experience have on your life or how does it fit into a larger goal? Why are you specifically deserving of Noah's Gift? How will you help Noah's memory live on?