



## NOAH'S GIFT GRANT APPLICATION

*Noah'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: OCTOBER 30, 2026**

[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, his big heart, and his giving spirit.

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, Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis, TN, and Hernando Middle School in Hernando, MS. Noah was active in youth hockey programs with both the Junior RiverKings and Junior StreetKings.

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 art, theater, technology, and traveling. He spent a great deal of time in Canada, Mexico and the southwestern United States.

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## **How to Apply**

Our application is available on [www.noahsgift.org](http://www.noahsgift.org); through the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi, [www.cfnm.org](http://www.cfnm.org); or at [Facebook.com/Noah.Costa.Gift](https://www.facebook.com/Noah.Costa.Gift). Application must be legible. Incomplete/Illegible applications will not be considered.

Applications may be turned in by 5:00pm on October 30, 2026 to the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi, 315 Loshier Street, Suite 100, Hernando, MS 38632, or emailed to [noahsgift55@gmail.com](mailto:noahsgift55@gmail.com).

Please include the following:

- Application Form (see next page)
- Reference letter from a non-parent adult
- Include important information on the experience such as: brochure or flier; dates; locations; and organization contact name, phone number, and email
- How much have you saved? How will you earn additional funds?
- Application Essay (see Application Form on next page)

## **About Noah'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.

## **Selection Process**

The Selection Committee, comprised of young adults, reviews applications and makes recommendations to the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi. Some things the committee may consider: Why would Noah fund this extraordinary experience? Is there a financial need? Will the teen be able to raise the remaining funds?

Noah's Gift may fund up to 80% of the total cost of the extraordinary experience for a maximum of \$2,500. Noah's Gift does not fund requests that are solely for school tuition.

Please keep Noah in mind and in your hearts as you prepare your application materials.

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## **Past Winners of Noah's Gift**

- \* Play hockey for a Jr. A team
- \* Create a modeling portfolio to build self-esteem
- \* Continue volunteerism through a sorority
- \* Explore the eco-diversity of Costa Rica
- \* Restore a 1973 Ford F100 truck with their grandfather
- \* Back-country snowboarding in Colorado
- \* Attend IMG Baseball Camp
- \* Hike the Grand Teton
- \* Travel to Washington, D.C. to visit Smithsonian
- \* "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
- \* Attend Broadway Dance Camp in New York City
- \* Skydive in Hawaii
- \* Attend Washington Youth Summit on the environment
- \* Sing at Carnegie Hall
- \* Attend ID Tech Camp at University of Memphis
- \* Participate in a gladiator reenactment in Italy
- \* Go deep sea fishing
- \* Scuba dive in the Cayman Brac
- \* Visit the Havasupai Indian Reservation
- \* Attend BYU Cross Country Camp
- \* Compete in a Pole Vault Competition in Key West, FL
- \* Veterinarian training in Thailand
- \* Travel to Peru
- \* Attend University of the Ozarks Running Camp
- \* Purchase a camera kit for photography
- \* Drive exotic cars on a racetrack
- \* Visit Silver Peak Mines in Nevada
- \* Attend Nike Smokey Mountain Running Camp
- \* Attend McKenna Outfitters for a 4 day deer hunt

**Noah's Gift Grant Application Form**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE CURRENT YEAR: OCTOBER 30, 2026**

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

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

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If graduated, list last school attended and year)

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

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

\*Make Check Payable to (Organization Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Who to Contact at Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Organization Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address to Send Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach:**

- Reference letter from a non-parent adult
- Information on your extraordinary experience. This could be a brochure or flier from a relevant website or other source.
- Include important logistical information such as dates, locations, contact name, phone number, and email of the organization, and other pertinent details.
- Include a breakdown of the costs. How much have you saved? How will you earn the additional funds?
- Application Essay: Who are you? What do you want to do? What impact will this experience have on your life or how does it fit into your larger goal? When is the experience? Why do you think Noah would fund this request? How will you help Noah's memory live on?

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\*If check is made payable to the person applying, receipts totaling the amount of the grant MUST be provided.