

CHRISTOPHER E. FAUGHNAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2024 APPLICATION

This scholarship is in honor of Christopher E. Faughnan, a 1981 graduate of Arvada High School, who perished on September 11, 2001 in the World Trade Center.

Applications must be submitted to the Arvada High School Counseling Office no later than 5:00 pm, **April 15, 2024**.

About Chris Faughnan

Chris was a 37-year-old father of three. He believed we should strive to leave our world better than the way we found it. He was a bond broker who worked in the heart of Wall Street; however, he understood money did not hold life's importance. He centered his priorities around his family, helping others, the environment, and showing decency toward his fellow man regardless of societal status. He was a man of honor and conviction who believed in hard work and taking responsibility for your actions. He believed in treating all people with respect and fairness, and that those blessed with life's gifts should lead with a helping hand for those less fortunate. He made it a point to be informed on world events and to understand circumstances as viewed from others' perspectives. He believed in forming an informed opinion and expressing beliefs through well-intended actions and words.

This scholarship is dedicated to these principles and is intended to assist students in their aspirations to create a better world.

Application Requirements

Applicants for this scholarship must be Arvada High School seniors who will use the funds for academic studies at an accredited college or university. The scholarship winner will receive \$3,000 payable to the college or university in which they enroll.

Background

As we approach the 23rd anniversary of the attacks of September 11, we realize that the class of 2024 may not remember or know many details that surrounded that terrible day. As part of the application process for this scholarship you are encouraged to watch this video of the events that unfolded that day. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmedslmeiUc> This video, in addition to any other information you choose to research, will help you understand some of the events and people's experiences from that day. Please include your thoughts in your essay.

Award Criteria

The scholarship selection committee will choose the recipient based upon their personal character as illustrated in the application response, personal statement based on the essay questions listed below, letters of recommendation, academic achievement, community service, and a personal interview. The person selected to receive the scholarship will be honored at the Arvada High School Academic Awards Ceremony.

Student Applicant Information

Please fill out the following fields and return this application to the Arvada High School Counseling Office no later than 5:00 pm, **April 15, 2024**.

Name:

Address:

Social Security Number:

Do you plan to attend a Colorado public institution? (Yes/No/Undecided):

Phone:

E-mail Address:

Application Questions

1. What kinds of extracurricular activities did you participate in during high school?

2. Please list your community service experiences:

3. What do you plan on studying in college?

4. Have you selected a college to attend?

5. How will you fund your college education?

Personal Statement

Please attach a 1-3 page “Personal Statement” which addresses the following:

Part 1

Our country’s greatness is rooted in the belief that diverse cultures can co-exist and, working together, bring forth greater prosperity for all. That is a key distinction to our leadership in the world. How would you promote this ideal of acceptance and respect for different cultures on a local, national, and global scale with the hope that it leads to preventing horrible violence, like the events of September 11?

Part 2

We are interested in your own experience with diversity and the impact it has made in shaping your views on the importance of understanding and respecting people with different backgrounds, beliefs, and/or personal situations. Feel free to share a personal experience you have encountered that has impacted you. Also discuss how your chosen field of study in college could help promote the understanding and appreciation of diversity.

Part 3

Please describe your reaction to the film “What Happened on September 11” – you can access this video here at no charge:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmedslmeiUc>

Do you think it is important to have students learn about 9-11 today? Please share what you found most surprising or compelling about this video.

Application Checklist

Your application must include the following in order to be considered:

- Application form
- Copy of high school transcript
- One letter of recommendation (from a high school teacher)
- Your typed “Personal Statement”

Application Timeline

- April 15, 2011: Student Applications Due
- Week of April 22: Finalists selected
- Week of April 29: Student Interviews
- Arvada Awards Night: Scholarship Recipient Announced

Interview Questions – No Written Response Required

The following questions are intended to focus the content of the interview for selected finalists. Please give them some thought and be prepared to discuss them. You are not expected to provide a written response.

1. As a finalist for this award, you have demonstrated you possess many gifts, among them: intelligence, leaderships, and determination. This year you will be leaving high school to continue a life with tremendous opportunity. How do you hope to build upon your outstanding qualities to impact the world around you?
2. Below is “Chris Faughnan’s Guide to the Universe” written by his wife shortly after his passing.

Love and enjoy your family
Use your good fortune to help others
Care for the environment
Never walk by a piece of litter without picking it up
Show respect to all people
Mentor a child
Work hard at your job and always be honest
Lend an ear to someone who needs to talk
Be knowledgeable about the world, form an opinion and act on it
Drink good wine, listen to good music and ride your bike!

How would you like yours to read?

3. How do you plan to fund your schooling; indicate any grants or scholarships you have been awarded, or expect to be awarded.