**Midkiff Challenge Scholarship Application Packet**

**What is the Midkiff Challenge Foundation?**The Midkiff Challenge Foundation was formed by members of the Parkwood Community in memory of Joey Midkiff, Parkwood High School Class of 1993, who lost his life on September 7, 1999. Joey’s energy, playful nature and talent on the soccer field enhanced the lives of those around him. The Foundation’s mission is to help enhance the lives of its recipients by investing in their pursuit of higher education and by serving as a consistent positive support of recreational athletics**.**

**Awards of the Midkiff Foundation**The Midkiff Challenge Foundation proudly sponsors the Midkiff Challenge Scholarship, which is awarded **primarily based on personal character and need**, although academic performance is considered. The evaluation committee has a goal of awarding two scholarships of at least $500 to students who currently attend Parkwood High School and will enter an institution of higher learning in the Fall of 2020, although the number and amount of awards will fluctuate based on fundraising. One award may be restricted to a former varsity soccer player.

**Eligibility**Scholarships will be granted to high school seniors who currently attend Parkwood High School for the purpose of attending an accredited college, university or trade school. The following criteria must be met by the applicant/recipient:

* U.S. citizen or documented resident graduating from high school.
* If awarded a scholarship, the student must enroll at an accredited college, university or trade school as a full- or part-time student. Proof of enrollment at the post secondary institution is required to receive the awarded scholarship funds.
* Cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50, with demonstrated ability and motivation to compete on a collegiate level.
* Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate strong educational motivation and group leadership skills through their activities in school, youth groups, community volunteer efforts and/or work experience.
* Financial need and letters of recommendation are additional criteria in the selection process.

**Scholarship Rules**

* Scholarships are given in Fall of the year they are awarded. Awards are sent directly to the institution's financial aid office within 30 days of receipt of proof of student's enrollment at the school.
* If a recipient is unable to begin college in the Fall and plans to enter in a future semester, the recipient **must** notify the Midkiff Challenge Foundation in writing by August 1 (or two weeks before classes begin, whichever is earlier) for an extension. An extension is provided for up to one calendar year. If the scholarship is unused by the end of the year, it is forfeited and will be used to fund other scholarships in subsequent years. It is also forfeited if no extension is requested by August 1 of the year the scholarship is awarded.
* Recipients are required to attend the annual **Midkiff Challenge Alumni vs. Varsity Soccer Game, held in August of the year of the award.** Parents and family members are welcome to attend the event.

**Application Instructions**

***READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW THEM THOROUGHLY.*Application Form**Please read all questions carefully and answer them as completely as you can. Use pen and PRINT your answers, use a typewriter, or download the application in Word format from <http://www.midkiffchallenge.org/> and complete it on a computer. Remember that your completed application will represent you to the Scholarship Committee. Your completed application form, high school transcript, student personal statement, letters of recommendation and financial need forms are to be mailed in hard copy format to:

Midkiff Challenge Scholarship Committee℅ Sue Selleck6518 Schaeffer Farm RoadWaxhaw, North Carolina 28173

**Complete applications must be POSTMARKED on or before April 18th, 2020 or ALL COMPONENTS must be scanned electronically and sent via e-mail by midnight, April 18th, 2020 to midkiffchallenge@gmail.com.**

Final selections will be announced by May 15 each year.**Letters of Recommendation**Choose two (2) people to write letters of recommendation for you. It is strongly recommended that one letter come from a teacher or other school employee and one letter from an employer, spiritual leader, community leader or friend (non-family related) who knows you through work or volunteer activities. The letters must be in a sealed envelope, which should be enclosed with this application.Recommendation letters sent via e-mail **must arrive directly from the e-mail address of the recommender and must contain a contact phone, so please do not wait until the last minute to reach out to your recommenders!**

**Transcripts of Grades**Your application must include high school transcripts and SAT scores (if available, or other standardized test scores, if taken). If you have taken any college courses, include a transcript of your work thus far.If submitted electronically, this must be scanned into a PDF or image that is legible.

**Student Personal Statement**Explain why you are applying for a scholarship, plans for the future, and short- and long-term goals. Include other information about yourself (family, background, educational achievement, etc.), to assist the Scholarship Committee in evaluating your direction and goal orientation. (4000 to 6000 characters, counting spaces)

**Financial Need**As this is part of the criteria we use in the selection process, it may be a factor in the final selection. You must fill out the financial information section of this application. Additionally, please write a statement about your financial need and how our scholarship would assist with your college experience.

**Scholarship Application Form 2020**

**Instructions:**

* Please read all questions carefully.
* Answer questions completely.
* Use pen and PRINT your answers, or use a typewriter or computer
* Remember that your completed application will represent you to the Scholarship Committee.

Mail your completed **application, transcript, student personal statement, letters of recommendation and, if applicable, your financial need statement** to:

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 **▪** Applications must be POSTMARKED on or before **April 18, 2020 or must arrive via e-mail at midkiffchallenge@gmail.com by midnight on April 18, 2020.**

 **▪** Selections will be announced by May 15 each year. You will be notified by postal mail or E-mail.

 **▪** Questions about the application process are only accepted via e-mail to the address midkiffchallenge@gmail.com

**Personal Information Educational Information**

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| **Name (First, Middle, Last)****Street Address (Number, Street Name)****City, State, Zip****Phone Number (Home & Cell)****E-mail Address****Parent/Guardian Name(s)****Parent's/Guardian's Occupation****Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes [ ]  No [ ]** **If not, are you a documented resident? Yes [ ]  No [ ]**  | **GPA through 1st semester senior year, and Graduation Date:****Colleges applied to: (in order of preference)** **Accepted? (Y, N, Waitlist, Don’t know yet)****1. Y****[ ]  N[ ]**  **WL[ ]  DN[ ]** **2. Y[ ]  N[ ]**  **WL[ ]  DN[ ]** **3. Y[ ]  N[ ]**  **WL[ ]  DN[ ]** **What is your intended college major?****What is your intended career?****Have you earned a letter as a varsity soccer player on the Parkwood High School Men’s or Women’s soccer team?** **Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

 **Financial Information**

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| List estimated educational expenses for an academic year at preferred school (also referred to as "Cost of Attendance"): Tuition & Fees: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Books: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Personal Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Room & Board: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | List anticipated or known sources of support to meet expenses listed: Part-time work: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Loans: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grants & Scholarships: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your Savings: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total Resources: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Deficit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Expenses minus Resources) |

**Activities, Interests, Awards, etc.**

 1. List organizations, clubs, extracurricular activities and community service in which you have been active (including any school offices held). If you need more space, please attach additional pages.

 2. What are your hobbies or areas of special interest?

**Work Experience**Are you currently employed? Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]** If so, list employer(s), type of job, hours per week you work:What types of past employment have you had?**Application Packet Checklist**In submitting this application for review and evaluation, I swear or affirm that:

 ▪ The information contained in it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

 ▪ If I am granted an award, and barring any unforeseen circumstances, I will continue my plans for study as indicated in this application.

 ▪ I have enclosed these required portions of the application:

 **[ ]**  Completed Application Form **[ ]**  Transcripts **[ ]**  Student's Personal Statement **[ ]**  Letters of Recommendation **[ ]**  Financial Need Statement **[ ]**  SAT (or other) Test Scores (if available) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Name (printed)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**