

2022 Emily Johnson Soccer Scholarship

EMILY JOHNSON "PLAY IT FORWARD"

The Emily Johnson "Play it Forward" Tournament and Scholarship was founded to honor a beautiful young woman who connected with the passion in her life and shared it with others.

The purpose of The Emily Johnson "Play it Forward" Scholarship is to annually award three scholarships to high school seniors to assist with the cost of attending a college or university.

The scholarship will be funded with an annual 3v3 soccer tournament and contributions from generous friends and businesses that will bring a community together to celebrate Emily's life.

ABOUT EMILY

Emily was a vivacious 16-year old young woman, with a magnetic personality that always attracted people to her and made everyone feel special. She was beautiful, vibrant, and energetic. She loved her family and friends and never stopped letting them know. Emily was the captain and "heart" of her Coal Ridge High School soccer team. She was passionate about the game and her enthusiasm was contagious!



She was extremely creative, especially with photography and film. Her crazy ideas were legendary, and she brought so much laughter, fun, and joy to everyone! Making a difference was so important to her. Since she was a little girl, she fought injustice and prejudice, rallied people to her causes, and after death, saved five lives and helped dozens more through the donation of her organs, corneas, bones and tissues. Emily lives on in them, and in the hearts of all of us who were so lucky to know and love her.

Soccer Scholarship

A \$1,000.00 scholarship awarded to one recipient annually. Total award received in your freshman year. This scholarship may be used at any college, university or vocational school. The scholarship will be paid directly to the Financial Aid Office of the selected college.

Criteria

Coal Ridge High School senior
Male or Female Titan soccer player

Calendar

January 3: Applications available at your Guidance office or online at www.EmilyJohnsonPlayitForward.org

March 1: Deadline for returning completed applications

April 29: Interview process complete and final recipient determined

May: Award of scholarship at Senior Banquet

Aug: Checks mailed to college/university/vocational school

Application Checklist

- _____ Meet criteria
- _____ Fill out attached application
- _____ Provide two recommendation letters (guidelines attached)
- _____ Complete Essay (guidelines attached)
- _____ Submit transcripts including cumulative GPA

Return Completed Applications and Attachments to:

Coal Ridge High School Guidance Counselor (*received by March 1, 2022*)
35947 Highway 6, New Castle, CO 81647
Or email to: playitforward@sopris.net

Contact Information

Ben Kirk
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Emily Johnson Soccer Scholarship Application 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

Number of years playing soccer: _____

Colleges/Universities applied to: _____

Intended area of study: _____

List of Activities, Awards and Honors:

Description	Dates

Community Service and Work Experience:

Place of Service/Employment	Dates	Responsibilities and hours per week

Attach additional sheet if needed.

Guidelines for Recommendation Letters:

You must submit two letters of recommendation with your application following the criteria below.

Letter may be written by: (select two categories from list)

1. Teacher
2. Leader in the community (principal, spiritual leader, counselor, board member, etc.)
3. Personal acquaintance who is NOT a family member (personal family friend over the age of 25)
4. Work reference from employer

Subject matter: (select either category from list)

1. How have you witnessed this individual improving the lives of their classmates, their teammates, their peers, their community, or the world?
2. Describe a specific instance in which the applicant exemplified the qualities of strength, dedication, and passion.

Guidelines for Essay:

You must submit an essay that is typed, double spaced, and at least 250 words but not more than 500. The essay needs to answer one or more of the questions listed below:

1. What lessons have you learned from playing soccer?
2. How have the lessons you've learned from playing soccer "played it forward" into other areas of your life?
3. How do you plan/expect to change the world around you?

Interviews with Applicants:

Applications will be reviewed, and candidates will be selected to interview with the scholarship committee for 15-30 minutes. Interviews will be set up individually with the selected candidates.

Award of Soccer Scholarship:

One candidate will be awarded the soccer scholarship and recognized at the Senior Banquet in May.