

# 2022 Emily Johnson Valley Wide 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 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**

Valley Wide (Aspen to Parachute) High School senior  
Male or Female soccer player  
3.0 grade point average or above

## **Calendar**

January 3: Applications available at your Guidance office or online at [www.EmilyJohnsonPlayitForward.org](http://www.EmilyJohnsonPlayitForward.org)

### **March 1: Deadline - completed applications**

April 29: Interview process complete and final recipient determined

May: Award of scholarship

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: Emily**

Johnson Play it Forward Fund (*received by March 1, 2022*)

Mail to: PO Box 584, Silt, CO 81652

Or email to: [playitforward@sopris.net](mailto:playitforward@sopris.net) (preferred)

## **Contact Information**

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# Emily Johnson VW 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 15-20 minutes. Interviews will be set up individually with the selected candidates.

## **Award of Soccer Scholarship:**

One candidate will be awarded the valley wide soccer scholarship and recognized at the senior awards ceremony at his or her school.