

KIM BIRK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established 1997 at Tualatin High School



Applications are available Online: www.the-ftts.org or at the Tualatin High School Counseling Center

Scholarship Overview

- Scholarship is available to **Tualatin High School Graduating Seniors** only.
- One Scholarship will be awarded yearly
- Scholarship Awarded \$500

note: value not to exceed amount reasonably required for one year course of study

Critical Information

- Due Date - **Friday, April 14, 2017 - 4:00PM**
- Mail or deliver application to:

Foundation for Tigard-Tualatin Schools

6960 SW Sandburg Street

Tigard, OR 97223

- No late applications will be considered

This scholarship is under the management, standards, and guidelines of the Foundation for the Tigard-Tualatin Schools, a 501(c) non-profit organization affiliated with the Tigard-Tualatin School District 23-J.

For questions relating to the scholarship check the foundation website at: www.the-ftts.org

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Kim Birk

Dedicated to the memory of Kim Birk, a member of the Tualatin High School Class of 1997, this memorial scholarship has been created through the generous donations from her family and friends for the purpose of awarding special recognition to a graduating senior classmate who epitomizes the selfless compassion and congenial spirit of its namesake.

Kim was born in Oregon and grew up in Tualatin. She attended Byrom Elementary, Twality and Hazelbrook Middle Schools, and Tualatin High School. In a modest and unassuming way, she was able to attain a high level of personal achievement. She was a model student, a star athlete, a reserved yet effective leader, an unwavering friend, and an active participant. That special radiant “smile” for which she will always be remembered is her legacy. It brought joy to everyone and was also reflective of her inner peace and happiness.

In her short life, love and care was woven into every relationship and accomplishment. In stature and by example, she “stood tall” in how she lived her life --- whether it was killing the ball in a volleyball game, quietly giving her time to help, just hanging out with her friends, or simply romping with her dogs. Again..... all done with that unforgettable smile!

This ongoing scholarship in Kim’s name will serve to immortalize her memory and promise, and reward the recipients who similarly possess the wholesome attitude and humanitarian attributes that were so naturally and generously embodied in her.

With pride and pleasure, we celebrate Kim Birk’s life by availing this scholarship in her memory.

July 22, 1979 – November 29, 1996

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Scholarship Standards

Academic:

- Must be a graduate of Tualatin High School with a minimum accumulated GPA of at least **3.0** for junior and senior years OR have shown marked academic improvement since sophomore year.
- Must demonstrate commitment to achieving the highest attainable personal level of academic performance.
- Scholarship is for any accredited college or university or accredited institution for pursuing a 2 year or 4 year curriculum program. Applicant must have identified a goal of earning a degree or certification.

Financial:

- Applicant's need for financial assistance will be considered amongst all the other items.
- Scholarship is for one year of support in the amount of \$500.

Participation and Involvement:

- Applicant must demonstrate an involvement and participation within the high school campus activities.
- Applicant must demonstrate good citizenship, leadership and teamwork while in high school, in the community and other environments. Leadership may be exhibited through any consistent modeling of positive actions and/or influence.

"Standing Tall" Spirit:

- Applicant must demonstrate a specific personal goal or achievement in which it took "standing tall" to accomplish such. Must possess personal qualities that challenge the status quo of selflessness and compassion and congeniality towards others. Applicant must have demeanor that by example influences others to action or involvement and can demonstrate a personal history of and commitment to humanitarianism.

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To demonstrate that you meet the Standards of the Scholarship requirements:

- Include two (2) but no more than four (4) letters of recommendation. At least one letter should be written by a TuHS Staff member.
- Provide a paragraph describing the course of study or training you intend to pursue following graduation. Explain why you have chosen this path.
- Share something special about yourself for which you are most proud and make you “Stand Tall.” This can be from any time or age in your life. This can be a special paper or work project done, an act of kindness or generosity, an accomplishment, an adversity overcome or an award received, etc. You may use an additional sheet of paper if more space is needed.

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Checklist for Application and Enclosures

Materials required for submitting this application are listed below:

- Completed and signed **TTSD common scholarship application (all 5 parts)**
- Signed acknowledgement form
- Official High School transcript through 7th semester (must be sealed by guidance center)
- Two (2) to Four (4) letters of recommendation - at least one from TuHS personnel
- Paragraph describing your course of study and why you have chosen this path
- "Standing Tall Spirit" Personal Summary
- Send or bring the completed application on or before **Friday, April 14, 2017 - 4:00PM**

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Attn: Scholarship Application

6960 W. Sandburg Street

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(503) 431-4024

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby certify as follows:

- That I have read the standards and information sheet about this scholarship and that I qualify for consideration.
- That all the information submitted to this scholarship in connection with this application is true and correct.
- If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree not to accept total scholarships or grants from all sources that are in excess of the amounts that are reasonably necessary to fund the total cost of the first year of my anticipated course of study.

Date _____ Signature _____

Email _____

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