

## **The Joel Broering Award \$5000 Annual Scholarship**

The Joel Broering Award has been established in memory of Joel Michael Broering who died at age seventeen after a two year battle with leukemia. Joel's leukemia was diagnosed in November of 1991 and was quickly put into remission. That same year, Joel went on to become the most valuable player on his high school golf team. But the leukemia came back, and in early 1993, Joel underwent a bone marrow transplant. The cancer returned in July of 1993 and again in the fall of 1993, after which his condition rapidly deteriorated. Joel Broering died on December 11, 1993.

Joel was your typical obnoxious little kid. The youngest child, with two older sisters, Joel was always looking for attention.

But as Joel entered high school, he was quickly maturing. He worked at the local night club in the early mornings, cleaning and sweeping up after closing. He had a paper route with over 100 customers, and he worked at a local golf course in the summers while managing to golf as many as 45 holes of golf a day. Joel played in the Lima Jr. Golf Association tournaments in the summers of 1990, 1991, and 1992. Even before anyone knew of his illness, Joel was well liked and well known.

Joel was also active in many extra-curricular activities. As a member of the high school band, Joel would pick up an instrument and fill in wherever needed – he played the alto and baritone saxophones, bass clarinet, and sousaphone. Joel played on the basketball team, but only his freshman year because his disease got in the way. Golf was Joel's love – he was able to participate as a member of his school's golf team until his junior year in high school. Joel was a photographer for the St. Henry High School yearbook, and a member of the varsity academic team. Joel was also active in the church youth group and served as his class representative the year before he died.

Near the end of Joel's life he met his idol, Payne Stewart. Joel helped plan most of the requirements for this scholarship and even helped his family plan his own funeral service. Throughout it all, Joel was often more concerned for his family and the people around him than for his own suffering. In the hospital, Joel visited other children and encouraged them to fight and to keep up their spirits. Joel became involved with the local cancer society as well. On the day before Joel died, although he could no longer write and could barely speak, he composed a farewell poem to his family. Speaking in a whisper, Joel dictated the poem to his aunt, who, at Joel's request, had it engraved on a plaque for his family. Joel's poem read as follows:

Dearest Family,  
My love for you  
will never be gone  
although the time has come,  
when I must move on.  
But as I leave this earth  
for better places,  
I shall never forget  
your beautiful faces.

All my love,  
Joel

The last several years of Joel Broering's life were a source of inspiration for all who knew him. Joel never complained about his condition and he never complained about the sometimes excruciating pain. He was ready and willing to do whatever it took to make himself well. As one of Joel's high school teachers commented, during the course of his illness, Joel became the teacher and those around him became the students. During the course of Joel's illness, he showed those around him how to live life to the very fullest, and, in the end, he showed us all how to die – with courage, with dignity, and with a great deal of love for all of those whose lives he touched.

## APPLICATION FOR THE JOEL BROERING AWARD

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_

College/University, including address \_\_\_\_\_

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Status: Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major/Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships you have received:

Name of Scholarship

Amount

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Answer the following questions on attached paper.

- 1) Describe your volunteer and community service activities.
- 2) List activities (other than volunteer/community service) in which you have been involved. You should list activities both connected with and not connected with the school.
- 3) List and describe any honors or awards you have received.
- 4) Describe any unique qualifications or characteristics about which this application has not given you the opportunity to describe.
- 5) If applicable, describe any special circumstances that have made your financial need especially great.
- 6) Attach an essay of any length, answering the following question:

How would you describe your inner growth during your four years of high school?

**The Joel Broering Award will be awarded yearly to a graduating senior from St. Henry High School.**

- Eligibility:** -Student must be a graduating senior from St. Henry High School.  
-No minimum grade point average required.  
-Student must be registered to begin a full-time course of study at one of the following institutions: a two-year or four-year college or university; a two-year or four-year technical school.  
-Students who have received full scholarships (tuition and room and board) from the institution they have chosen to attend will be ineligible for the Joel Broering Award.
- Basis of Award** -Although performance in school will be considered, this is not an academic scholarship.  
-Community service activities: a smaller quantity of time spent on community service activities will not negatively impact an applicant who has been actively involved in other school, community, or employment activities and otherwise demonstrates a commitment to community service on his/her application.
- Applications** -Applications will be available from the high school guidance counselor.  
-**Applications are DUE April 12, 2019.** Applications must be returned to the guidance counselor by the end of the school day on April 12.  
-The following must be turned in with your application:
- 1) Application form
  - 2) Additional information/essay sheets
  - 3) High school transcripts
- Selection** -The recipient will be selected by a committee composed by The Dayton Foundation.  
**Payment** -The Joel Broering Award will be sent directly to the institution the recipient attends at the start of the recipient's first term upon proof of enrollment at that institution. The Dayton Foundation will be handling the distribution of funds.
- Amount** -The 2019 Joel Broering Award recipient will be awarded \$5000.
- Questions** -Please direct any questions regarding the scholarship to Elaine Broering, 419-305-2778.