

Instructions for Application Submittal - Zac Plantz Memorial Scholarship

1. Access the online application at this link: <https://forms.gle/uSPveDfwwVJ7FqSR8>
2. Include a copy of your most recent report card and responses to the prompts outlined below.
3. Submit the online application form by **Tuesday, January 3, 2023**.

Please answer the following questions as outlined in the online application:

- A. **Personal Statement:** 1 page, double-spaced
- **Upload your personal statement (needed to apply to many area high schools or scholarships).** If you don't already have a personal statement, please upload a response to the following questions instead: **"Why do you want to go to this school? How will you make a difference here?"**
- B. **Short Answer Prompts:** Please respond to **all** of the following prompts, up to a max of 200 words for each
- Which of your many talents are you most proud of? Please explain why you are proud of this talent.
 - What are some of your goals and aspirations for the future – after high school? How will your high school experience support you on your path?
 - Please list your involvement in activities during 6th-8th grades. (This could include visual arts, drama, music, community service, math, science, athletics, hobbies, awareness/advocacy, etc.) Which activity was your favorite and why?
- C. **Essay:** Please respond to **one** of the following prompts, up to a max of 300 words
- Part of the mission of the Zac Plantz Foundation is to "shepherd the odd man out." What does this mean to you and how do you incorporate this into your daily life?
 - The Zac Plantz Foundation was established to continue Zac's legacy and celebrate his spirit. Tell us how you incorporate the pillars of our foundation—leadership, community, faith, passion, and fun—into your life.

Scoring Rubric – Zac Plantz Memorial Scholarship Application

Zac Plantz Memorial Scholarship applications are evaluated by our Selection Committee based on five categories: **Personal, Accomplishments, Goals, Community Impact, and Spirit of ZP**. Based on their submitted responses, applicants may be awarded 0-5 points in each of these categories based on the following criteria:

	4-5 points	2-3 points	0-1 points
Personal	Applicant has provided a full picture of their life, interests and values. They have richly demonstrated what is important to them by sharing their hobbies, passions, and hopes for the future. The selection committee has a clear vision of the applicant and what makes them unique.	Applicant has provided some information about their life, interests and values. They have shared hobbies, passions, or hopes for the future that give the selection committee a general sense of the applicant and what makes them unique.	Applicant has provided little to no information about their life, interests, or values. They did not share hobbies, passions or hopes for the future that would enable the selection committee to gain a sense of who they are and what makes them unique.
Accomplishments	Applicant shares several accomplishments, including but not limited to personal, academic, sports, advocacy or work-related efforts or achievements. The selection committee gained a clear impression of their passion, initiative, or committed effort.	Applicant shares at least one accomplishment, giving the selection committee a general sense of their passion, initiative, or committed effort.	Applicant shares few or no accomplishments that would allow the selection committee to gain a sense of their passion, initiative, or committed effort.
Goals	Applicant clearly states and describes their educational and personal goals for the future. They clarify how their high school experience will support their path, describe a personal quality that will help them reach their goals, and show genuine ambition toward achieving them.	Applicant generally states their educational and personal goals for the future. They demonstrate some ambition but may not indicate how their high school experience or personal qualities support their path. Their commitment to achieving their goals may also be somewhat unclear.	Applicant does not clearly state their educational or personal goals for the future. Their ambition is unclear to the selection committee, in part because they do not indicate how their high school experience or personal qualities support their path.
Community Impact	Applicant has provided specific examples that demonstrate they have made a clear and significant impact on their school, work, religious, local or other community. This could include holding a leadership role in extracurricular activities, an extensive volunteer history, ongoing or multiple instances of serving in their community, or advocacy/awareness efforts.	Applicant has made an impact on their school, work, religious, local or other community, but did not include many specific or ongoing examples of extracurriculars, volunteer work, advocacy/awareness efforts, or instances of serving in their community.	Applicant does not include sufficient examples of extracurricular activities, volunteer work, advocacy/awareness efforts, or times they served in their community to demonstrate their community impact to the selection committee.
Spirit of ZP	Applicant clearly shares an understanding of the mission and vision of the Zac Plantz Foundation. They have made an above-and-beyond effort to provide examples of how they personify the pillars of Zac's life—through leadership, community, faith, passion, competition, and fun. The details they shared gave the selection committee a clear vision of their personality.	Applicant generally shows their understanding of the mission and vision of the Zac Plantz Foundation. They have provided some examples of how they embody the spirit of Zac and share in the foundation's mission. The details they shared gave the selection committee some insight into their personality.	Applicant does not clearly demonstrate a shared understanding of the mission and vision of the Zac Plantz Foundation. They did not include sufficient examples of how they embody the spirit of Zac that would help the selection committee get to know them better.