



Jason Forrester

Jason Forrester was a typical kid who loved life to the fullest. He was 16 in 1984, had finished a successful season of sophomore football, and was looking forward to playing on varsity in his junior year. Jason became ill with leukemia midway through his sophomore year and died one year later in 1985. Jason lived life joyously and abundantly, packing many experiences into 17 short years. He was a member of the track team and played baseball as well. He enjoyed art and photography, and especially liked history and literature. He was diligent in his studies and diligent in playing, ranking skiing near the top of favorite activities next to riding his motorcycle. Being a “people person” he had many friends and leaves with them a legacy of a great sense of humor. Jason’s mother Ruth said, “Jason loved life so much, we know he would have done something with his life—something that involved getting an education. We thought it was a great way to have Jason’s memory live on by helping other young people with their education.”

The family specified selection criteria that are similar to the kind of student— and person—that Jason was. Students selected for the Forrester Memorial scholarship must have a demonstrated an interest in physical fitness and sports participation, be of good moral character, have a GPA of 3.00 or higher, have demonstrated leadership in school, church and community and must provide evidence of having lifetime goals and plans for achieving these. Each year a student who fits these criteria is selected and, with assistance from the Jason Forrester Memorial Scholarship, moves forward toward their goals in life.