

## ROSS GRANGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ross Granger, a standout student, athlete, and faith leader at Erath High School, was diagnosed with a brain stem astrocytoma only two months after his graduation in 2015. He valiantly fought his cancer until he was called home on November 11, 2016. During his illness, Ross devoted as much of his free time as possible speaking to student athlete groups about the love of God and overcoming adversity. His daily mantra was #WUPKAR: Wake up, Pray, Kick A\*\*, Repeat. Before his passing, Ross requested that a scholarship be awarded in his memory to ***a deserving student who exemplified and modeled strong faith, academics, leadership, and athleticism.***

The Ross Granger Memorial Fund will award up to 5 scholarships valued at \$2,000 each to deserving high school seniors graduating in 2023. \$1,000 will be offered for the fall, and \$1,000 for the spring, upon providing proof of enrollment and passing grades. Students from the parishes of Vermilion, Iberia, Lafayette, Acadia, St. Landry & St. Martin are eligible to apply, as well as students enrolled in the Diocese of Lafayette Catholic high schools. Applications must be postmarked by **February 28, 2024** and submitted to:

**Ross Granger Memorial Scholarship  
P.O. Box 311  
Erath, LA 70533**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS The following information is required for initial application:

1. An official application form. Photocopies are acceptable.
2. An official transcript of all high school courses.
3. Required guidance counselor's statement, signed.
4. Copy of SAT or ACT test scores, verified by guidance counselor.
5. Complete student portfolio, as described on application.
6. Two completed reference forms – Please have the person completing the reference enclose it in a sealed envelope and sign back of the envelope for return.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The Board of Trustees has the sole authority for awarding scholarships. The scholarship recipients are to be selected on the basis of (in no particular order):
  - Scholastic achievement with a minimum 3.5 GPA requirement
  - Faith-based activities and honors
  - Athletic participation and accomplishments
  - Extracurricular activities and accomplishments
  - Demonstration of leadership
  - #WUPKAR Essay (500 words or less)
  - References (two)
2. All applicants selected as finalists may be subject to a personal interview with representatives of the Board of Trustees. Finalists will be notified prior to **April 1, 2024**. This Scholarship will be awarded without consideration of race, sex, age, religion, color or national origin. All selections are considered final. All applications and attachments become the property of the Ross Granger Memorial Scholarship Fund. Applications, including all required data, must be postmarked by **February 28, 2024**. Only complete application packets will be submitted for consideration.

**ROSS GRANGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

High School(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of school: \_\_\_\_\_

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School contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA (high school transcript must be attached) \_\_\_\_\_

Class rank \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ students

ACT Scores: English \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Composite \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLARSHIP PORTFOLIO**

Please prepare a scholarship portfolio that includes all of the following:

- I. PLANS AND GOALS - Please describe your plans for college and your career major, including why you have chosen these.
- II. FAITH – Please **list** your faith-based activities, honors, awards, etc.
- III. ACADEMICS – Please **list** your academic accomplishments and awards while in high school.
- IV. ATHLETICS – Please **list** your athletic participation and accomplishments during high school.
- V. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – Please **list** any extracurricular activities while in high school.
- VI. LEADERSHIP – Please **list** any leadership roles you have taken on during high school.
- VII. PHOTOGRAPH – Please submit a photograph suitable for publishing in the event that you are selected as a recipient.
- VIII. #WUPKAR - Please share your interpretation of #WUPKAR and how you feel you may be able to apply it to life’s hardships and struggles.
- IX. REFERENCES - Please attach two references from your school faculty

**GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S STATEMENT**

I certify that all statements made by this applicant in their portfolio for the **Ross Granger Memorial Scholarship** are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I have also read and noted all requirements listed on this application, and I certify that this applicant meets all requirements.

Guidance Counselor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE SHEET**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Your name has been given as reference by the above student who has applied for the **Ross Granger Memorial Scholarship**. Your evaluation is important to us in considering this application, and we ask that you explain your comments in detail. Feel free to attach additional pages if you wish to provide more information. **Please enclose completed Reference Sheet in sealed envelope and sign back of the envelope for return.**

A. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Please describe the nature and frequency of your contacts with and observations of the applicant.

C. In your opinion, what four adjectives best describe this applicant?

D. Evaluation of student characteristics:

	Average	Above Average	Superior
Integrity			
Cooperation			
Respectfulness			
Diligence/Determination			
Leadership			
Maturity			

E. What outstanding qualities or characteristics has this student demonstrated that set him or her apart from peers?

F. How does the applicant enhance the lives of others?

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_