

# **Christopher Harris Scholarship Trust Application**

The Christopher Harris Scholarship Trust (CHST) has been set up with the Catholic Foundation in memory of Christopher Harris, a former parishioner of St. Peters who passed away in an automobile accident on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Annually, proceeds from this trust will be equally distributed to eligible college students.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Recipients must be a member of St. Peters parish or former parishioner who graduated from high school while a member of St. Peters.
2. Recipients must be an active full-time college student. This includes 4 year Colleges, Jr. Colleges, Trade schools, Cosmetology Schools, and other type schools where a parishioner is pursuing their education beyond the high school level. This is determined by turning in a copy of 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades.
3. Recipients must have an overall GPA of 2.0 (C average).
4. Recipients will be limited to a maximum of four distributions.

The CHST committee reserves the right to allow exceptions to the rules noted above.

## APPLICATION:

This application is subject to approval of the CHST committee.

This application and all accompanying documents (1<sup>st</sup> semester grades, proof of GPA) must be turned in by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

NAME:

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(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

MAILING ADDRESS:

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TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

College/School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA \_\_\_\_\_

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(Signature of Applicant)

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(Date)

**COMPLETE AND MAIL TO:**  
**Christopher Harris Scholarship**  
**c/o St. Peter Catholic Church**  
**320 College Blvd**  
**Grenada, MS 38901**  
**Phone: (662)226-2490**

All applications must be postmarked on or before **Dec 31st** of the year of application.

## *Christopher Harris Scholarship Trust*



This memorial trust was created to honor the memory of my precious son, Christopher M. Harris, son of the late Billy M. Harris and Carol Harris. He was born on February 28, 1988 a beautiful Sunday afternoon and in an instant was tragically taken away in an automobile accident on April 1, 2005. As a parent I experienced the worst hurt any parent should ever have to experience. Like so many others my life and those of his family and friends were forever changed that day. He is always on my mind and forever in my heart. I will love him and miss him until my own last breath.

Chris was unforgettable to all who knew him, and a blessing to his father and I. He was a celebration of life and happiness, love and laughter all rolled into one. From the moment he was born he seemed to be in perpetual movement, and had a spirit that was full of life. It was as if he knew in his heart that his time on earth would be limited and he was determined not to waste one second of it. He may have only been here for 17 short years but I can honestly say that he totally enjoyed and lived every minute of that life.

Chris had a gentle and loving nature, a tender heart and a sweet smile that could light up a room and inspired the best in those around him. He always had a quick joke to tell, and never took anything too seriously. He always looked forward to tomorrow, never got discouraged, and tried to find the good in any situation. He loved talking to and being around people and never met a stranger. He never let anything get in his way he just plowed head long into whatever was in front of him. To him everything was a new beginning or adventure for him to tackle. He loved being outdoors it was never too cold or too hot, he loved hunting and he had a love for animals especially his dog, Bully. He also loved reading, a gift I think he inherited from me. Chris could stay in the library or book store all day and never get bored. I would often wake up in the middle of the night and see a light on in his room to find him sneaking, trying to finish the latest book he was reading. However his true passion was working on cars and trucks or anything that had an engine, Chris wanted to be a diesel mechanic and dreamed of one day opening his own shop with his father. Chris grew into an exceptional young man that had a huge impact on many lives in his short life. Chris had a deep faith and love of God that was helped and nurtured by his church family at Saint Peter's Catholic Church. Chris spent his life as a faithful member of St. Peter's. He was christened, made his First Communion and his Confirmation at St. Peter's. He served as an altar boy for many many years, loved going to Catechism with his friends and could not wait until he was old enough to join the Knights of Columbus. I will always believe the love and support that Chris received from his church family helped mold him into the loving, gentle, compassionate yet strong and determined young man he was.

Chris lived a lot of life in his short 17 years, but he also will never get to graduate from high school, go to college, fall in love, get married, have children or get to know the joy of grandchildren. If he could tell you one thing I think it would be to never forget how precious life is and never take one moment for granted or let a day go by without telling those you love how much they mean to you and that you love them. Chris will continue to live on in my heart and in the memories of those who loved him

He would be honored to know that a scholarship fund was created to honor his memory and to ensure that he will not be forgotten and his memory and legacy will continue for generations to come. Chris never got to realize his dream but hopefully in some small way this scholarship will enable him to live on thru each and every one of you.