



The Xyrus Zelaya Memorial Scholarship Application

Application due date: March 31, 2022

1. Deadline for scholarship applications is **March 31, 2022**
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., letters of recommendations, transcript, college acceptance letter, etc.)
3. Winners will be notified by phone or email by May 1st.
4. If you have any questions about the application, contact xzmscholarship@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Xyrus Zelaya Memorial Scholarship will award two one-time \$500 scholarships. One will be merit-based and the second will be merit-athletic based. The awards will be given to two graduating High School Seniors enrolled in Deltona, Pine Ridge, or University High School, who are survivors of gun violence or who have lost a family member or friend to gun violence.

Xyrus Lyonel Zelaya was killed in Deltona, Florida on October 31, 2021. Xyrus was only 16 years old and a Junior at Deltona High School. He was a good kid who worked, loved all sports, and helped kids in need. Xyrus played football and soccer and was looking forward to playing at the college level. Before Xyrus was tragically taken from us, he was in the process of researching and applying to colleges. He worked especially hard to raise his GPA because he knew that to play sports at the college level meant that he had to excel both athletically and academically.

To apply for The Xyrus Zelaya Memorial Scholarship, please complete the application form by **March 31, 2022**, and submit a copy of your high school transcript and college acceptance letter. If applying for the merit-based scholarship, please also submit one letter of recommendation from your teacher. If applying for the merit-athletic based scholarship, a letter of recommendation from your athletic coach is required.

Scholarship recipients will be announced by **May 1, 2022**.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be a graduating Senior enrolled in Deltona High School, Pine Ridge High School, or University High School.
- Applicants must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must be accepted and committed as a full-time student to an accredited college or university.
- Applicants must complete a 500–1000-word essay on how their life is different today because of the gun violence they experienced.

TIMELINE

- Applications are due **March 31, 2022**
- Award notification will be sent to Scholarship recipients by May 1, 2022.

Application Process

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form, including essay.
- High School Transcript
- One letter of recommendation from either:
 - Teacher for merit-based scholarship.
 - Athletic coach for merit-athletic based scholarship.
- A letter of acceptance from a college or university.

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Please **type or print** your answers below.

First Name *	
Last Name *	
Phone Number *	
Street Address *	
(Apt, Suite, Box)	
City, State, Zip *	
Email *	
	Must be a valid email address
I... *	
	<p>You are an eligible survivor of gun violence if:</p> <p>*You were present at a shooting, whether or not you or anyone else was injured or killed.</p> <p>*A family member or friend died by gun violence.</p>
High School Name and Year of Graduation *	
	<p>This scholarship is available to a graduating High School Seniors currently enrolled in Deltona, Pine Ridge, or University High School for 2021-2022 school year only. High School Transcripts required via email to xzmscholarship@gmail.com. If unable to send via email, please contact same address to make alternate arrangements.</p>
Current GPA *	
	You must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 to be eligible for the scholarship.
I am applying for... *	
	<p>If you are applying for the merit-based scholarship, provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher.</p> <p>If you are applying for the merit-athletic based scholarship, you must play at least one sport and have completed a full season. Please email a letter of recommendation from your athletic coach.</p> <p>Recommendation letters should be sent via email to xzmscholarship@gmail.com. If unable to send via email, please contact same address to make alternate arrangements.</p> <p>**Note: You only need to provide one recommendation letter based on your selection.</p>
Name of College you plan on attending and Major (if declared) *	
	<p>Please note that you must be accepted and committed to an accredited college or university to receive a scholarship. Acceptance letter should be sent via email to xzmscholarship@gmail.com. If unable to send via email, please contact same address to make alternate arrangements.</p>

Sports *	
	<p>Please list all sports that you play. For the merit-athletic based scholarship, you must play at least one sport in High School and have completed a full season. Please include dates.</p> <p>Fill in "N/A" If you do not play a sport and are applying for the merit-based scholarship.</p>
Extra-curricular activities *	
	<p>Tell us about clubs, jobs, volunteering, interests, or other activities in which you enjoy. Please include how long you have been participating, and how many hours per week you spend on them.</p>
How Gun Violence Changed My Life *	
	<p>Essay: Tell us how your life is different today because of the gun violence you experienced (500-1,000 words).</p>