**The "Keep Choppin" Craig Tefft Memorial Scholarship**

The “Keep Choppin” Craig Tefft Memorial Scholarship honors the legacy of a man who embodied the spirit of a true Lumberjack—a teacher, coach, and mentor who dedicated his life to making a difference. Craig Tefft, a proud advocate for St. Maries, Idaho, “bled green” for his community and left an indelible mark on countless lives. As a physical education teacher and coach for both football and baseball, Craig’s passion, leadership, and genuine connection with students inspired them both on and off the field.

Beyond his professional life, Craig had an unwavering love for his community, his friends, and, most importantly, his family. He was a devoted husband to his wife Jenni and a proud father to Hailey, Tori, Kody, and Emma. This scholarship celebrates his enduring impact, his values of dedication and perseverance, and his deep commitment to the people and places he loved. It seeks to support the next generation in carrying forward his legacy of leadership, kindness, and school spirit.

**$500 Scholarship**

**Eligibility Confirmation**

- Verify that you are a senior graduating from St. Maries High School in May 2026.
- Confirm participation in at least one sport or club during your time at St. Maries High School.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher (please include an official or unofficial transcript).

**Personal Information** Full Name: _____Date of Birth: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City: _____
State: ___ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

**Educational Background** Current School: _____
Current Grade Level: _____ GPA: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____
Intended College/University (if applicable): _____
Intended Major/Field of Study: _____

**Essay Responses** (Attach separate sheets with your responses)

1. In 250 words or less, describe yourself, your interests, and your involvement in school or community activities.
2. In 150 words or less, explain what makes you deserving of this scholarship and how it will help you achieve your future goals.

**Letters of Recommendation** Submit two letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or community leader who can speak to your character, leadership, and dedication.

**Certification & Signature** I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information may disqualify me from consideration.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

**Application Deadline** Submit all materials by April 15th, 2026.

**Submission Instructions** Applications submitted to the High School Counselor.

A committee will look over all applicants and make a decision. By applying, you honor the legacy of Craig Tefft and his dedication to leadership, athletics, community, and personal growth.

For any questions, please contact Jennifer Tefft at kodyemma99@gmail.com or (208)791-7551.

Thank you for applying for the "Keep Choppin" Craig Tefft Memorial Scholarship. Best of luck!