

# Josh Houchins Memorial Scholarship Criteria

## (Student Athlete)

<b>SOURCE</b>	Established by NorthEast Independent Living Services in memory of Joshua W. Houchins.	
<b>TARGET</b>	A student-athlete having participated one or more sports (as defined by MSHSAA) and who remained academically eligible to play such sport during the season's entirety. The student athlete must be accepted to a college, university or vocational school for which the applicant has applied.	
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	Applicants must meet <u>ALL</u> the following criteria	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Be a graduating high school senior who will be receiving a diploma at the conclusion of this academic year;</li><li>2) Be a resident of Clark, Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, or Pike counties in Missouri;</li><li>3) Complete the Josh Houchins Memorial Scholarship Application;</li><li>4) Submit a 1 ½ -2 page essay (12 font, double spaced) describing how high school sports have impacted his/her life and what life skills have been learned from playing sports. Applicants are encouraged to free-write about their experiences with high school sports.</li><li>5) Provide a copy of the acceptance letter from the College, University, or Vocational School for which the applicant has applied.</li><li>6) Submit a one-page letter of recommendation from a teacher or coach who knows the applicant very well. The purpose of this letter is to provide information about the person, not their academic background. The letter is to be signed, dated, and placed in a sealed envelope and submitted with the scholarship application.</li></ol>	
<b>VALUE</b>	This scholarship will be used to assist with tuition, fees, books, and on-campus housing. This scholarship is a one-time scholarship of \$500 and may be payable to the individual or institution.	
<b>DUE</b>	April 1	
<b>CONTACT</b>	NorthEast Independent Living Services Scholarship Committee 909 Broadway, Suite 350 Hannibal, MO 63401	Brooke Kendrick Executive Director 573.221.8282 <a href="mailto:bkendrick@neils.org">bkendrick@neils.org</a>

*Should the awarded student change institutions or elect to withdraw enrollment from the institution prior to the first academic semester, the student shall contact NorthEast Independent Living Services and agrees to return the financial award. This shall be determined by the Scholarship Committee.*