

## MATT LYNN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Application Deadline: Friday, April 9, 2021**

- Requirements:
1. Completed application, including short answer questions and essay
  2. Recent photo
  3. Email your completed application and photo to Carole Kay Lynn at CKLynn49@aol.com
- OR mail completed application and photo (or deliver) to:
- Lynn Family  
3146 Old Tunnel Road  
Lafayette, CA 94549

Matt Lynn, a 1999 AHS graduate, was a high school varsity swimmer, water polo player and club lacrosse player. In 2004, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from UCSB. From 2000-2004 he played for the UCSB lacrosse team and was a member of the 2004 Men's National Championship team.

When he returned to Lafayette after graduating college, he started coaching JV boys' lacrosse at AHS. Unexpectedly, he suffered a seizure in August 2005 and was diagnosed shortly thereafter with brain cancer. He continued coaching JV and varsity lacrosse for three more years while undergoing four brain surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

Wearing a helmet on the sidelines after surgery or running sprints after chemotherapy treatments showed his players that surviving cancer requires hard work and courage. He heroically fought brain cancer for 4.5 years and died in December 2009 at the age of 28. As an enduring legacy, the Lynn family and close friends established a scholarship in his name. Friends and family will remember Matt for his infectious smile and as someone who demonstrated to others how to live life to the fullest while facing the uncertainty of his own. He did so with grace, dignity, courage and good humor. He was known as someone with fierce loyalty and connection to his family and friends, and was admired for his strength, determination, curiosity and strong values.

The **Matt Lynn scholarship** will be awarded to college-bound seniors from Acalanes High School who have participated in a high school varsity sport(s) and who intend to continue playing a varsity or club sport in college. The student should be a team player and demonstrate leadership on or off the field. Student athletes who expect to receive an athletic scholarship from a NCAA Division I school are not eligible for this award. The award will be \$1500 to \$2000.

Please note that photos of scholarship recipients will be displayed on a poster showing all recipients since 2010.

Matt Lynn Memorial Scholarship Application

Name:

Date:

Phone and Email:

List in order of preference three colleges or universities to which you have applied or been accepted; please note if you have determined which school you will be attending.

In which collegiate sport do you intend to participate?

List high school activities

List high school leadership activities

List extracurricular activities and special talents

\*You may attach a resume on a separate sheet.

What specific attribute, quality or skill distinguishes you from everyone else

Describe yourself using only three words

Essay question (less than one page, attach to application)

Tell why receiving this award would be meaningful or important to you.