



# The Matt Alsfeld Memorial Fund Scholarship Award

*The Matt Alsfeld Memorial Fund is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization developed in memory Matt Alsfeld and is dedicated to providing funding for education pertaining to suicide awareness and prevention for youth, and support services for families affected by suicide.*

Matt Alsfeld was a good student, but he wasn't top academically of his class. Matt loved football, but he wasn't the quarterback. Matt played in the band, but he wasn't the section leader. However, everyone knew him – because he was a friend to all.

In honoring Matt, The Matt Alsfeld Memorial Fund Scholarship Award recognizes students who demonstrate a genuine caring for other people. The Scholarship Award is given in the form of a **\$1,000 check**, made out to the award recipient, and may be use towards the student's unique secondary education plan and goals. This includes but is not limited to tuition, books, supplies, equipment, and/or tools.

## Eligibility

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- graduating senior from Ponaganset High School [137 Anan Wade Rd, North Scituate, RI 02857]
- must be accepted as a full-time or part-time student at a university, college, or trade/technical school program for the upcoming academic semester
- must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- may not be the recipient and/or intended recipient of any other monetary scholarships
- no candidate shall be denied based on race, religion, color, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or any other status protected under applicable federal, state, or local laws

## Criteria

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Applicants should demonstrate care and compassion in his or her school and local communities, befriending and respecting all persons alike. Applicants must submit a 300–500-word essay that answers the question, **“What do you think makes you uniquely you? And how has this shaped your genuine caring for others?”**

Along with the essay, **applicants are asked to submit one letter of recommendation** from a teacher or community leader (coach, employer, etc.) that speaks to his or her character of care and compassion.

## Deadline

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The completed application, essay, and letter of recommendation must be delivered to the Ponaganset High School Guidance Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Scholarship award recipients will be notified in June.



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Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth
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Email Address	Phone Number
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Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Most recent cumulative GPA

List any hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities, and/or volunteer activities.

List any academic honors and/or awards.

Name of higher education university, college, or trade/technical school	Major (if known)
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I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided is true, correct and without forgery. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship award winner, I must provide evidence of acceptance at the institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of Applicant	Date
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