

Nathan W. Jones Scholarship Application 2019

Nathan W. Jones was the Head Groundskeeper for the El Paso Chihuahuas and graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Turf Grass Management. Early on as a student at MSU, it was very evident that Nate would make this his career, but it wasn't until his arrival in El Paso that his career also became his one true passion. His love for turf management wasn't limited to the Chihuahuas ball diamond and extended to many local high school baseball and soccer fields. His love of not only the Chihuahuas but also the people of El Paso is the reason the Jones family wishes to offer this scholarship in his adopted hometown. Our hope is to encourage and support others that have chosen turf management as a career. Special thanks to all the people of the Chihuahuas organization and the people of El Paso for making such a wonderful impact on Nathan's life.

The Nathan W. Jones Scholarship was established for students who are graduating from any of the school districts in El Paso County; the West Texas Counties of Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Reeves, Pecos, Presidio, Brewster, Pecos, Loving, Winkler, Ward, Andrews, Marin, Midland, Upton, Crane, and Ector; Lubbock County; the Southern New Mexico counties of Otero, Dona Ana, Luna, and Hidalgo; and finally the Mexican State of Chihuahua. Applicants must plan to study in the field of Turf Management, which could include sporting venues such as soccer fields, baseball fields, and golf courses, among others. Students should submit the completed application along with supporting documentation to the Paso del Norte Community Foundation.

Scholarship is awarded on a one-time, non-renewable basis in the amount of \$1,000

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship Eligibility

To be eligible for Nathan W. Jones Scholarship, a student must:

- Have been enrolled the final two years of his/her education at a school within the following areas, as outlined above: El Paso, Lubbock, and West Texas; Southern New Mexico; and Chihuahua, Mexico.
- Must have a strong commitment to community service and volunteerism (must show proof of service with a letter from the agency(ies) served, stating the work performed and number of hours served, or have been active in a school activity, sporting team, or club. To be eligible, candidates would have to perform 50 hours of community service or volunteer hours or club activity per year for at least two years in high school.
- Meet all graduation requirements as specified by the school district from which the student is graduating and as set forth by the State of Texas by June of their graduation year (i.e. credits, EOC, etc.).
- Have been accepted for enrollment to any accredited institution of learning or trade school.
- Must be enrolled full-time and show proof of enrollment.

Additional Requirements

- Approved scholarships will be awarded a maximum of \$1,000 per student.
- Scholarships will be payable to the college or university after proof of registration is provided.
- Scholarships cannot be deferred.

Required submissions

- Complete application packet

- Upload two letters of recommendation. Dated and signed one-page letter of recommendation from a person in authority, such as high school administrators, faculty, staff, community members, employer or civic leaders who are familiar with your abilities, work habits, integrity and potential. Letters may not be from family members. **Recommendation letters will be awarded up to 20 points out of possible score of 100.**
- Upload unofficial high school transcript as of January of the award year.

Complete application MUST be submitted electronically by 5 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2019 to:

**The Nathan W. Jones Memorial Scholarship
c/o Paso del Norte Community Foundation
221 N. Kansas Ste. 1900
El Paso, Texas 79901**

For more information, contact

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(915) 218-2642, info@pdnfoundation.org

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APPLICANT INFORMATION Must be typed.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City, State _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Current High School and Classification: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Class Rank: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

Elementary & Middle Schools Attended: _____

I have been accepted at the following colleges/universities: _____

I plan to attend: _____ I plan to major in: _____

FINANCIAL DATA

Father's/Guardian's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's/Guardian's Name _____ Occupation _____

Annual family income _____ # of dependents ____ # of siblings in college ____

Money available for college expenses:

Parents \$ _____ Work \$ _____ Savings \$ _____ Other \$ _____

List amount and sources of financial aid already secured \$ _____

Did you apply for FAFSA? Yes _____ No _____

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Anticipated tuition and related expenses for 2019-20: _____

Permission is given to school officials to release my school records, if necessary, for review by the Paso del Norte Community Foundation and permission to publish biographical information and photographs. I certify that I meet all graduation requirements as specified by the State of Texas and the district's policies; and I will graduate from a school district in El Paso County by June 2019; and that I have been accepted for enrollment by an accredited college or university.

Student's printed name, signature _____

Parent/Guardian's printed name, signature _____

Counselor/Advisor printed name, signature _____

Application # _____

List your community service or volunteer work you have done in your community. Explained how you changed after this experience: 0 – 25 points

Extracurricular work experience: 0 - 15 points

List below other significant accomplishments: 0-10 points

List below all your awards, academic and scholastic accomplishments: 0-10 points

Complete the following essay question.

Essay: After graduation, how do you plan to pursue a career in turf management? Why is this career important to you? (Limit your answer to one page, double-spaced with 12-point font and one-inch margins; minimum of 250 words required.)

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