**Zachary Gerald Knight Community Leadership Award**

Applications must be submitted by **April 27th, 2021**

**Financial Aid Award**

This year two graduating seniors at Severna Park High School will be selected to receive the Zachary Gerald Knight Award. Individuals receiving the award will also receive $2,500 which can be applied to expenses for entering the next phase of life, whether that be higher education, military service, or entrance to the workforce.

**About the Award**

The Zachary Gerald Knight Foundation prides itself on celebrating individuals who truly demonstrate leadership skills and show compassion and concern for others through acts of kindness and selflessness. We strive to honor those who uplift and set a positive example for those around them. Since the criteria we value cannot solely be measured in the classroom or on the athletic field, we rely on nominations by community members, faculty, and peers who identify positive behaviors, acts of kindness, and leadership traits in the nominee.

**Criteria for Award**

* Applicant must be a graduating Senior at Severna Park Senior High School with minimum 2.0 CGPA
* Applicant should value and exhibit kindness, compassion, and the courage to lead and stand up for others
* Applicant must strive to better themselves and the community around them

**Application Process**

* Complete and submit application form
* Submit completed recommendation form
* Submit academic verification form
* All forms should be submitted via email by **April 27, 2021**
* Board members will review applications and present award to recipient at the Severna Park High Senior Award Ceremony on Thursday, May 27, 2021 (Tentative Date).

**About Zack**

*Zachary Gerald Knight, “Zack”, was born in Spring, TX on April 22, 1988. He attended elementary and secondary school in Cheshire, CT. He graduated from Severna Park High School in 2006 and obtained his business degree at Salisbury University in 2010.*

*Zack’s interests revolved around friendships. He was a sportsman, an athlete, and a friend to all. He enjoyed the outdoors, played lacrosse, soccer, and basketball at Severna Park, and loved making others laugh. Zack took pride in organizing and participating in Relay for Life events, which was a tribute to his mother, Barbara Connell Knight, who died of cancer in 1997.*

*While in college, Zack played club lacrosse and was a founding member/ president of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity- Salisbury Chapter, where he took great pride in building a legacy. Zack will always be remembered and loved for his kindness, respect, and acceptance of others.*

*Zack passed away on June 5, 2010, of injuries sustained after being struck by a car. He is buried next to his mother in Cheshire, CT. Zack is survived by his father, Gerald, stepmother, Sue, and two siblings, Katie and Haley.*

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Application Form

**Applicant’s Information**

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| Name:  | Date of Birth:  |
| Address:  |
| City:  | State:  | Zip:  |
| Phone:  | Email:  |
| Name of Parent/ Guardian:  |
| Parent/ Guardian Phone:  | Parent/ Guardian Email:  |

* **List any other scholarships or financial aid you have applied for or been awarded:**
* **Extracurricular/ Volunteering - Please list organizations you have participated in, positions held, and years involved**
* **Work experience- Please list employer name, positions held, and dates of employment**
* **Hobbies/ Interests:**
* **Plans after graduation:**
* **Future goals:**
* **How would receiving this financial aid help you achieve your goals?**
* **How will you be remembered for making a positive impact on your peers and your community?**

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Nomination Form

Applicant Name:

**To be filled out by Nominator:**

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Your Name:

Your Phone: Email:

Relation to Nominee: Years Known:

*Award recipients demonstrate leadership skills and show compassion for others through acts of kindness and selflessness. In your own words, please describe how this applicant embodies these traits and why they are deserving of the 2021 financial aid award (this nomination may be completed as a separate document).*

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Academic Verification Form

Applicant Name:

**To be completed by school official:**

The applicant listed on this form attends your high school.  The Zachary Gerald Knight Foundation, who administers this financial aid award, requests that you have the appropriate member of your staff complete this Transcript Information section and provide a copy of the student’s transcript for grades 9-12.

Applicant’s cumulative GPA: (and/or) weighted GPA:

Applicants expected graduation date:

School Name:

School Official’s Phone Number: Email:

*I certify that this information is from a current and official transcript.*

School Official’s Name & Title School Official’s Signature

**To be completed by Applicant:**

*I certify that all information contained in this application and its attachments is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.*

Applicant’s Name Applicant’s Signature

**To be completed by Applicant’s Parent/Guardian:**

*I certify that all information contained in this application and its attachments is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.*

Parent/Guardian’s Name Parent/ Guardian’s Signature

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Application Checklist

**Please complete and include the following to submit your application package:**

* Application form (completed by student applicant)
* Nomination form (completed by unrelated nominator)
* Academic verification form (signed by school official, applicant, and parent/guardian)

**Important dates:**

* April 27- Deadline to submit application package
* April 30- Award winners will be selected
* May 27- Severna Park High School Senior Award Ceremony

**How to submit application package:**

* Please email application packages to Sean McAndrew- spmcandrew@gmail.com
* Application email should have all required forms included as viewable attachments
	+ Application form should be typed. Nomination and Academic form may be filled out by hand, and nomination letters may be written on a separate page.
	+ Please include your name in the title of attached forms

Thank you for your interest in the Zachary Gerald Knight Community Leadership Award! For more information regarding the foundation, please visit us online at **www.zackknightfoundation.org**

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