



## Zachary Gerald Knight Community Leadership Award

Applications must be submitted by **May 1, 2024**

### Financial Award

Since 2017, The Zachary Gerald Knight Foundation has awarded nearly \$50,000 to seniors graduating from Severna Park High School. Recipients are celebrated as leaders of their community, and are awarded \$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 are inclusive, uplift others 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 applicants obtaining 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 GPA
- 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, nomination form, and academic verification form via email by **May 1**
- Board members will review applications and present award to recipients at the Severna Park High Senior Award Ceremony (**May 23**)
  - o *Award winners will be notified by SPHS staff prior to the date of ceremony.*

### About Zack

*Zachary Gerald Knight, "Zack", 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. 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, inclusiveness, and helping others.*

*Zack passed away on June 5, 2010, of injuries sustained after being struck by a car. Zack is survived by his father, Gerald, stepmother, Sue, and two siblings, Katie and Haley.*



Zachary Gerald Knight Community Leadership Award  
Application Form

**Applicant's Information**

<u>Name:</u>		<u>Date of Birth:</u>	
<u>Address:</u>			
<u>City:</u>		<u>State:</u>	<u>Zip:</u>
<u>Phone:</u>		<u>Email:</u>	
<u>Name of Parent/ Guardian:</u>			
<u>Parent/ Guardian Phone:</u>		<u>Parent/ Guardian Email:</u>	

- **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 award 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:**

The Zachary Gerald Knight Foundation prides itself on celebrating individuals who truly demonstrate leadership skills and show caring and concern for others through acts of kindness and selflessness. 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 in the nominee. The goal of the Zack Knight Foundation is to “notice the good in others”. By nominating a candidate for this award, you are helping our community celebrate those who truly better the lives of those around them.

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 2024 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

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**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

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Applicant's Signature

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**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:**

- May 1 - Deadline to submit application package
- May 24- Severna Park High School Senior Award Ceremony

**How to submit application package:**

- Please email application packages to Sean McAndrew- [spmcandrew@gmail.com](mailto:spmcandrew@gmail.com)
- Application email should have all required forms included as PDF 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 all attachments

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](http://www.zackknightfoundation.org)

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