

NATHAN FELLNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Nathan Fellner Memorial Scholarship honors a Clovis West senior student athlete who has demonstrated the following attributes:

1. A desire to excel in both sports and academics.
2. Embodies a unique sense of humor and fierce determination in the face of life's challenges.
3. Cultivated strong and meaningful social relationships throughout their high school career.

The Scholarship award winner will receive monetary support towards their continuing education in pursuing a College, Trade, or technical school education upon graduation from Clovis West.

The scholarship was created in recognition of the life of Nathan James Fellner ("Nate")—an exceptional athlete, friend, student, and son who was filled with life, blessed with an incredible sense of humor, and driven by a desire to be the best at everything he did.

Nate attended Valley Oak Elementary School, Kastner Middle School, and Clovis West High School. Nate earned a football scholarship to the University of Washington (UW), in Seattle, where he thrived as a collegiate student-athlete for the UW Huskies. Throughout his life, Nate had an impressively wide and uniquely diverse circle of friends who gave him the nickname, "Nate Dawg," for his dogged determination and drive on the field. On January 23, 2024, Nate took his own life after struggling with the effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy), a form of brain damage associated with head trauma, which, in Nate's case, was the result of years of exemplifying unreserved passion and rugged dedication to excelling in full contact sports.

This scholarship will recognize the balance between sports and other, often more important aspects of life experienced by student athletes and will be awarded to raise awareness of mental health issues that are often inevitable consequences of rigorously pursuing athletic success. To appreciate the importance of friends, perseverance, humor, mental health, and non-athletic post-high school pursuits, the Nathan Fellner Memorial Scholarship will recognize and support students who will continue their formal education upon graduation from Clovis West, and who exhibit a strong character, the ability to persevere through life's challenges, and a distinctly brilliant sense of humor and competitive desire that made Nate Dawg such an exceptional friend, student, and athlete.

To be considered for the Nathan Fellner Memorial Scholarship, students must complete the following application package:

- Complete the application form.
- Submit a 1-page essay
- Submit your résumé
- Submit one letter of reference from a non-CW faculty member (friend or relative)

CRITERIA TO APPLY:

1. GPA of 2.5 or above
2. Must attend trade school, 2-year, or 4-year college in Fall semester following graduation.
3. Participation in Athletics and Extracurricular Activities
4. Scholarship must be used to further post-high school education

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. A four-member committee will screen all applications and select the top three (3) candidates to interview.
2. The committee members will interview the top three candidates.
3. The committee will rank each applicant according to the following criteria:

Application: 20%

Résumé: 15%

Essay/Interview: 50%

Letters of Reference: 15%

4. Ted Fellner by committee will determine the scholarship recipient.

Submit the completed application package to _____ no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, [month], [date], [year].

Upon proof of registration and enrollment in a class schedule of the applicants' higher education and/or trade school, the designated funds will be released to the applicant through the Clovis West Office.

NATHAN FELLNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. BACKGROUND

Name: _____

Date of Birth (Month/Year): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian 1: _____

Occupation of Parent/Guardian 1: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian 2: _____

Occupation of Parent/Guardian 2: _____

Number of Children in Your Family: _____

Number of Children in Your Family Who Are Presently Attending College: _____

School you plan on attending in the Fall: _____

2. ACTIVITIES

Please list the sports and extracurricular activities in which you have been involved while at Clovis West.

3. FINANCIAL NEED

Briefly describe how you would use this scholarship.

4. REFERENCES

Please identify your school counselor: _____

Please list three Clovis West faculty members who could be contacted as a reference.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

NATHAN FELLNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY TOPICS

(No more than 3 - page, single-space, 12-pt Times New Roman)

(Choose (3) three topics)

1. Describe your most memorable athletic experience.
2. Describe your three best friends and explain why you believe each friend would want you to be awarded the Nathan Fellner Memorial Scholarship.
3. What are the values that you portray to the world and how do you portray them?
4. What are your life goals outside of athletics and how do you plan to achieve those goals?
5. Share an example of a time where you persevered through difficulty and achieved success.
6. Write a humorous short story about your life, or about a specific time in your life where you made people laugh.
7. Describe the importance of mental health and explain how taking care of your mental health has allowed you to succeed in athletics.

APPLICANT'S RÉSUMÉ

APPLICANT'S REFERENCE LETTER

INFORMATION FOR DONATIONS

Checks payable to: CW Foundation-Nate Fellner Scholarship

Send to: Kelly Molthen
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Fresno, CA 93720

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