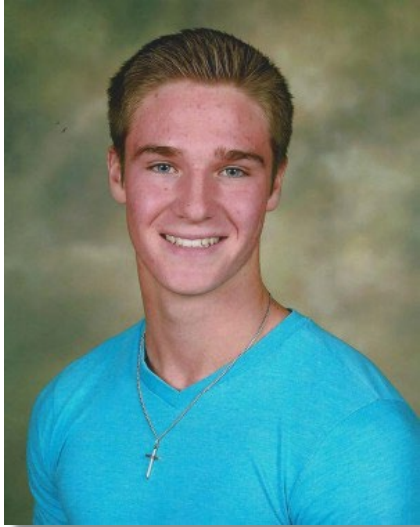


# *The Jaydon Sommerfeld Memorial Bursary*

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Jaydon Sommerfeld was an exceptional person, athlete and student who attended Chestermere High for this grade ten and eleven years, but tragically passed away as the result of a car accident on June 9, 2015. Always ready with a smile and helping hand, his passing shook the school and city of Chestermere to its core. Condolences from friends, family and strangers poured in due to this tragic event as many felt the devastation of such a heartbreaking loss to our community. With extremely heavy hearts, multiple vigils were held throughout the area, grain bins outside our school were painted with his name, and his parking space and locker at CHS overflowed with cards, flowers and gifts. Jaydon was an extremely rare individual in today's world where all the positive things said and written about him since his passing are true. He could light up a room with his presence, and made everyone he came in contact with feel welcome and

at ease. He was a tremendously caring, hardworking, dedicated individual with an unparalleled work ethic and focus, and is extremely beloved and missed to this day.

From the moment Jaydon showed up at CHS he took his academics seriously. He constantly handed in quality work with thought and effort in both his core and option classes, and was considering a career in physiotherapy or something else in the sports medicine field after high school. Besides being a terrific student, Jaydon was also an outstanding athlete playing a high level of lacrosse for the Rocky View Silvertips in the RMLL and hockey for the Chestermere Lakers where he finished his second year in Midget and planned to play Junior. Built like a gladiator, his dedication in the weight room would turn heads, aiding in his physical ability and making him a standout player in any sport or athletic endeavor he participated in from snowboarding to lacrosse.

Jaydon enjoyed many activities like camping, quadding, biking and longboarding. He also had a passion for cars and could often be found in the family's garage working on his vehicle with his dad, Kenton.

During his short time with us, he left a legacy that is unparalleled by most. His home continues to overflow with people during his "celebration of life" gathering each year, and he's still talked about with admiration and fondness as a result of the memories he created and lives he touched. Lastly, in Jaydon's usual giving manner he was an organ donor, and his passing benefited the lives of six total strangers who were blessed to receive his organs (heart, liver, kidneys (2), lungs (1) and pancreas), improving their quality and outlook on life.

Jaydon is survived by his loving parents Kenton and Sheri and brother Brady, and there isn't a day that goes by where he isn't thought of with love and his memory cherished by those who had the pleasure of knowing this amazing young man. *#Life's Too Shorts*

## Purpose of The Award

This bursary is intended to assist the successful applicants with post-secondary education expenses or assist in any other expense incurred directly related to achieving gainful employment. This is not intended to be strictly an academic bursary where the student with the highest marks is the automatic recipient.

There will be a minimum of **four** annual awards with **\$500** given to each recipient.

*This bursary was established to be given out annually in Jaydon's memory through the generosity of many individuals and organizations.*

## Eligibility Criteria

- Only grade twelve Chestermere High School students may apply for this bursary.
- The applicant must have maintained at least a **65% average** in each of his/her grade twelve subjects up to the application deadline as verified by school/teacher records.
- The applicant must have participated in at least **one school or community sports program** such as intramurals, hockey, lacrosse, figure skating, jiu jitsu, weight lifting, etc.
- The applicant must have displayed some, and preferably all, of the following during his/her high school years, as these were the qualities that Jaydon displayed: kindness, thoughtfulness, a high level of personal integrity, love of life and excellent work ethic.
- The applicant must be a Canadian citizen.

## Application Letter and Selection Process

Eligible applicants must submit a personal essay, **maximum two pages** (double-spaced, 12-point font), to the selection committee explaining how you meet the eligibility criteria and intended use of the awarded funds if selected. Please include **three references** at the end of your essay.

## Application Letter Outline

- Introduce yourself (basic personal details).
- What's the purpose for your application? Why are you applying for this bursary?
- Outline your educational and/or athletic achievements.
- Describe your personal interests (physical activity, community involvement, extra curriculars, etc.), how these activities influenced your qualities, and times you've been able to exhibit these qualities to others. Any leadership roles, awards, or recognitions?
- Explain your post-secondary educational plans, the institution you plan to attend, and your ultimate career goals.
- Financial need. Outline the impact receiving this bursary would have on you and your family (easing financial burdens, allow you to focus on studies, etc.).

## Other Information

- Applications must be **emailed** to Mr. Bates **mbates@rockyview.ab.ca** with the subject line **“Jaydon Sommerfeld Memorial Bursary”** on or before **June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.
- Please include your **full name, address** and **social insurance number**.
- The selection committee will review applications and select award recipients based on the bursary criteria.
- **References** may be contacted, and candidates may be required to participate in an interview with the selection committee if requested.
- Awards will be presented to the recipients at a high school awards ceremony.