



## 2025 TAYLOR HAUGEN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The \$1,500 scholarships are offered in the memory of Taylor Reid Haugen, Class of 2011. Taylor was a member of the Niceville Eagles Football and Wrestling Teams as well as being an Honor Student at Niceville High School. He was comfortably expressive about his faith in God and showed it through his commitment to volunteer work in his church and community. This scholarship is awarded to an area athlete who best demonstrates a similar balance between Academics, Athleticism, Leadership, Community Service and Christian Faith. The Foundation hopes to recognize those well-rounded individuals who demonstrate the perseverance to improve themselves in all aspects of their life while enjoying God's gifts to the fullest.

### ❖ Eligibility Requirements:

- ❖ Applicant must be a senior at an Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Bay or Walton County high school;
- ❖ Applicant must be an athlete who has participated in a high school sport as defined by the FHSAA;
- ❖ Applicant must have a minimum 3.5 GPA unweighted; and 4.0 GPA weighted;
- ❖ Applicant must be an active participant in community service;
- ❖ Applicant may not be a family member of a Taylor Haugen Foundation Executive Committee nor any of its scholarship judges;
- ❖ Applicant must be planning to attend a four-year accredited college;
- ❖ Trophy nominees are eligible for scholarship for their respective counties if they meet all requirements;
- ❖ Note: Due to NCAA eligibility requirements, recipients of full college athletic scholarships are not eligible to receive the \$1,500 scholarship from the Foundation.

# TAYLOR HAUGEN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

*Candidates must be a high school, senior class, athlete who embodies and represents the criteria established below*

## **ACADEMIC** **20%**

- Minimum 3.5 Unweighted GPA and 4.0 Weighted GPA
- Focused On Higher Education/Receiving Degree
- Must Be A Graduating Senior In High School

## **ATHLETIC** **20%**

- All FHSAA Sports/Athletes Considered. Above Average Team Spirit/Motivated/Inspires Others. Participation In More Than One Sport Is A Positive
- Accountable And Dependable To The Team/ Always Gives 100%/Consistently Puts Forth The Extra Effort
- Measurable And Significant Athletic Improvement And Achievement Over Time. Demonstrates Extra Effort To Improve Skills In Their Sport And Is Passionate About Their Sport

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE** **20%**

- Measurable Areas Of Volunteering To Assist Others/Events/Activities And Is Actively Involved In Other Extra Curricular Activities
- Recognized Leadership And Consistent Participation
- Active Community Service Outside School Sanctioned Activities

## **CHRISTIAN FAITH** **20%**

- Exhibits Living Faith By Compassionate Service To Community, Church And Organizations That Is Consistent, Sustained And Selfless
- Professes Beliefs Within Daily Activities Through Loving Acts And Godly Characteristics

## **LEADERSHIP** **20%**

- Has A Consistent, Dependable, Warm, Friendly, Positive Attitude
- Leads And Motivates/Looks Out For And Mentors Others/Charismatic
- Respected By Peers/Adults/Teachers/Ministers For Dedication/Selflessness To Friends, Family, Church, And Community
- Measurable Perseverance In Athletics And Life; Goal Oriented, Determined, Committed And Disciplined

**NEVER QUIT – NEVER GIVE UP**



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### Instructions/Checklist for completing application:

**Application must be Typed.**

1. Scholarship Application must be completed by Applicant other than the **Academic Record Report** page which must be completed by the Guidance Department.
2. Application must be **Typed. No Handwritten.**
3. Application must be **scanned & submitted electronically** in a **PDF format only** to **THF80@TaylorHaugen.org**.
4. Include a maximum of **TWO** letters of recommendation from people other than relatives. One must be academically based from a school official: Teacher, Coach, Counselor, and/or Principal. The second letter must be a recommendation based on your moral character. Letters may not be from Taylor Haugen Foundation Board Members.
5. Submit Senior resume highlighting all Activities, Athletics and Awards.
6. Include **Academic Record Report** which must be completed and signed by the Guidance Department.
7. Statement of Understanding must have **actual signature** by the Student and his/her Parent, Guardian, or Sponsor.
8. Include answers to 4 short response areas (150 words or less each).
9. Include a personal 300 - 500 word essay on the following topic.  
\* Tell us about a life experience where you had difficulty and had to persevere and not give up.
10. Applicant may be contacted for an interview with the scholarship committee at a date to be determined.

**E-Mail Completed Application in PDF Format to**

**THF80@TaylorHaugen.org**

**by 5:00PM on Friday, March 14, 2025**

**Scholarships will be awarded in May 2025.**



### **Short response questions**

**Take 150 words or less to answer each area.**

**Typewritten on separate paper.**

1. Please tell about your commitment to improve yourself and be a valuable part of the team or sport you pursue and what that sport means to you.
2. Tell about your participation in your community service and how it has impacted the type of person you are.
3. Tell how you exhibit living faith through your participation in your church and how that reflects your commitment to improving yourself and serving others.
4. Please tell how you have demonstrated leadership attributes to motivate and mentor others to achieve long term goals.

### **Essay**

**A personal (300-500 word) essay on the following topic.**

**Typewritten on separate paper.**

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### STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Please read carefully and sign.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in applying for and/or accepting this scholarship, agree to the following conditions:

1. I understand that I will not receive the actual scholarship until I have been accepted by an accredited college and have provided the Taylor Haugen Foundation with verification of my acceptance.
2. All scholarship funds will be used within one year after receiving the scholarship. The scholarship will be used for payment of tuition and expenses paid through the registrar's office.
3. Should I transfer to another college before using all of the funds, such funds may be transferred to the new college of my choice. If I cease to attend the college originally designated, and fail to immediately transfer to another college, any scholarship funds remaining will be returned to the Taylor Haugen Foundation.
4. I agree to the use of my name and picture concerning this award in any publicity purpose.
5. I understand the Taylor Haugen Foundation reserves the right to correspond with the selected school financial aid officer concerning the appropriate use of this award.
6. I certify that the information presented in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I have read and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility stated in this Statement of Understanding

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Parent/Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

