

Jesse Parker “Imagine” Scholarship

Jesse Parker imagined a world where each person would make a difference. He imagined a world with no greed or hunger, where people can share the world in peace. He believed we all had a responsibility to each other and he was committed to serving others.

Those who remember Jesse recall his ability to make people feel special, his easy smile, his wisdom, his kind heart, his silly pranks, and his steadfast protection of the underdog. He was guided by his faith and his insatiable thirst for social justice which he practiced through compassion and tolerance. He never needed the simple answers that made him feel good about who he was, he needed the answers that would make him know what to do to help others. He had the rare spirit and wisdom that could change the world, with the strength not to let the world change him. He planned to earn a Masters degree in engineering and then apply his skills in the Peace Corps bringing clean water to people in need.

Eligibility/Requirements:

Peace Corps or other service activity
Two year or Technical College Students
Four Year College Students
Current graduates
Former graduates

This scholarship is intended for a person who is committed to furthering social justice or serving others. Someone with the vision and passion to imagine a better world and committed to doing their part to create this world. This is intended to be a broad interpretation and can encompass many activities and fields of study/ work. This can be demonstrated in many avenues including, but not limited to, community service for the disadvantaged, political activism, local or global missions, humanitarian activities, health- related activities or service organizations such as the Peace Corps.

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Name: _____ GPA: _____
(based on a 4.0 gpa scale)

Intended College: _____

Intended Major: _____

- 1) Describe what activities/actions you have completed to date that represents your commitment to serving others. (Examples: community groups, school clubs, teams, mentoring opportunities)

- 2) Attach a one to two page typed essay describing what you imagine for the world. Why do you believe social justice or serving others is important in our local and global communities? What is your philosophy of service? (See below for Jesse's philosophy of service in the words of John Lennon) Describe specifically how you intend to serve others or further social justice causes in your future endeavors. (Be specific in your actions and goals)

*Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world*

*You may say that I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one*

- 3) Provide a letter of recommendation from a community leader, teacher, coach or other leader who has witnessed your commitment to serving others. (One page, typed and dated with full title and contact information of provider).

Deadline: March 1, 2023

Mail Completed Applications to:

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