



## **BRANDON SORRELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Brandon Michael Sorrell was a very admirable young man who had many strong attributes. Brandon loved to work on his cars and the cars of friends. He was forever working on car stereos or fixing someone's small engine, whether it was an ATV or a lawnmower. Brandon took great pleasure in helping others and found much happiness in giving to others. Though Brandon had a very trying life he never let it get him down. When Brandon was very young he had to witness his families struggle with ongoing surgeries to battle a disorder that causes tumors to grow throughout their body, a few years later Brandon was also diagnosed with this disorder. Most recently he had to watch his grandmother fight for her life in one of these surgeries. This type of drama could squash anyone's attitude and dreams. However, Brandon never let this get him down. He strived to be better than the disease. He always strived to pick himself and those around him up and demanded that everyone dust themselves off and move on. If you are not smiling you are not living. Brandon has been known for telling his close friends to "put your big girl panties on and move on."

This type of attitude is what helped Brandon to get through high school and strive for college. This being said Brandon was not a book worm as he really did not like academics. He knew that what he did in the next four years after high school would determine what he could buy and do in the following forty years. For this reason he had chosen to go to college for Auto Technology at SUNY Canton.

Brandon had a very large heart. He would give to the less fortunate every chance he could. He would volunteer to help others through the Kiwanis, food drives, holiday family adoptions, and holiday food baskets. These qualities are what we want to keep alive through the Brandon Sorrell Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to help those who show a need and show a desire to help others whenever possible. We believe in the pay it forward philosophy and hope that the individuals who will be awarded this scholarship will in their lives also pay it forward to someone less fortunate and keep Brandon's memories alive.

**Brandon Sorrell Memorial Scholarship**

[www.brandonsorrell.com](http://www.brandonsorrell.com)

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**The Brandon Sorrell Memorial Scholarship Award is available to applicants meeting the following eligibility requirements:**

- Clinton or Essex County, New York resident
- Age 35 or younger at time of application
- Young adult who has a financial need or hardship that is excluding them from an occupation or degree in technology.
- **Demonstrated leadership abilities and commitment to their community**
- Exhibits financial need
- Preference given to SUNY Canton Applicants but is not required

**Required Documentation for the scholarship- all contained in ONE envelope:**

- Completed and signed application
- Typed essay
- Two references letters each **in a sealed envelope**
- Signed agreement to complete **10 hours of community service by June 1, 2017**

**COMPLETED scholarship applications must be received/post marked by Saturday, April 29, 2017 5:00pm EST- NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Please mail your completed packets to:**

**Brandon Sorrell Memorial Scholarship  
C/o Christol Mastic  
PO Box 733  
Peru, NY 12972**

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**SECTION A. PERSONAL  
INFORMATION**

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FIRST NAME:

MIDDLE INITIAL:

LAST NAME:

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

HOME PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

GENDER  Male  Female

DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy):

AGE:

MARITAL STATUS:  Single

Married

Divorced/Separated

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS:

## SECTION B. PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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*Please avoid using acronyms or abbreviations whenever possible.*

**Work Experience:** *Please list any relevant work experience, beginning with most recent employment.*

Name of Employer	Position Held	Start date	End date
<i>Example: East-West Wellness Center</i>	<i>Office Assistant</i>	<i>5/10</i>	
<b>Brief description of responsibilities:</b> <i>Index and prepare medical documents, perform data retrieval, and maintain files for patients</i>			
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**Awards or Honors:** *Please list any awards, honors or special recognition you have received.*

Title of Award	Year
<i>Example: Arlington High School - Scholar Athlete of the Year</i>	<i>2010</i>

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**Organizational Membership:** *Please list organizational memberships and offices. These may include community organizations, teams, clubs, fraternities, sororities, honor societies, etc.*

Name of Organization	Start date	End date
Example: <i>National Honor Society</i>	9/09	5/10

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**Volunteer Work/Community Activities:** *Describe your volunteer work and/or community activities.*

Name of Organization	Description of responsibility	Start date	End date
Example: <i>Relay for Life</i>	<i>Team Captain: Organized a team of 25 members including family and friends. Raised nearly \$3,500</i>	3/09	6/10

**Extra-Curricular Activities:** *Dates may not always be applicable with extra-curricular activities.*

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Activity	Start date	End date
Example: <i>Summer counselor, Camp Sea Side</i>	2007	2009

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## **SECTION C. EDUCATIONAL GOALS:**

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Where are you planning to enroll in the Fall of 2017? (Write undecided if not sure yet)

Type of school:

Enrollment:

If part-time, how many classes are you enrolled in?

What is your intended major or field of study?

Please describe your career goals and how your intended course of study will help achieve these goals. If you are uncertain about your career goals, please describe potential areas of interest and how your pursuit of higher education will help you grow as an individual and inform your decision-making on a future career.

## **SECTION D. CAREER GOALS**

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Where are you planning to interview or have been offered a job at?

Type of career:

How does your tech schooling fit into this career:

Please describe your future career goals and how your current course of study will help achieve these goals. If you are uncertain about your career goals, please describe potential areas of interest and how your current pursuit will help you grow as an individual and inform your decision-making on a future career.

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## SECTION E. **ESSAY**

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This scholarship was established to support the financial needs of young adults who strive for a better career and life while working to help others who are less fortunate. Describe how you would work to help one other person to better themselves if you were to receive this scholarship. Please provide specific examples of how helping others can and have resulted in a change in your opinions, actions, behavior or mindset in pursuing personal and professional life goals.

**Please type your essay and attach it as a separate document to your application. *Hand-written essays will not be accepted.***



## SECTION F. FINANCIAL PROFILE

Applicant's name

Please list all **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** you are currently aware of that you will be receiving for your upcoming school year:

Financial aid package from school /Loans	Amount

## SECTION G. REFERENCE LETTER/Transcripts

Please include **two letters** of recommendation each in a sealed and initialed envelope with your application packet- it must be included in the packet and will not be considered if it arrives separately. For applicants who are reapplying 1 **letter and a copy of your unofficial transcripts will suffice.**

This is an extremely important aspect of the selection process. Please carefully choose the person who will be writing your recommendation letter. **Letters of reference from family members are not accepted. The recommendation letter should be written by a teacher/professor, guidance counselor, employer, religious leader or civic community leader.** One reference letter will be accepted by a peer.

The recommender should include detailed responses to the following three areas:

1. Please explain how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity.
2. Please describe how successful the applicant has been in dealing with helping others.
3. Please describe how technical school has influenced the applicant's educational and/or career goals.

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## **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:**

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I certify that all statements in this application are true. I understand that if I have not been truthful in any aspect of this process, I become ineligible for a scholarship and any funds I have been awarded will be terminated. Financial aid awards are based on information contained in the application materials provided. I understand that my scholarship award is contingent on fulfilling all of the application guidelines including university acceptance and community service requirement. I understand that this application will become the property of the Brandon Sorrell Scholarship fund.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AGREEMENT:**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the Brandon Sorrell Memorial Scholarship for Young Adults Scholarship Program's eligibility requirements, verify that if awarded, I will complete **10 hours of community service**. **Prior to the interview** process I will provide a contact information and a written notice stating what community service was completed.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **FINAL CHECKLIST:**

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Take a moment and review the following list. Have you completed and enclosed all the necessary pieces?

- Completed all sections of the application
- Included a typed essay
- Signed and dated the Disclosure Statement
- Signed and dated the Community Service Agreement
- Included two references letters, signed and sealed each in a separate envelope/transcript

**REMEMBER:** *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

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If you have any additional questions or concerns please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on our website-[www.brandonsorrell.com](http://www.brandonsorrell.com). If you cannot find your answer there, then please email [christol@brandonsorrell.com](mailto:christol@brandonsorrell.com)

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