

Bobby Hoffman Memorial Scholarship

This Scholarship established in 2017 is in memory of Bobby Hoffman. Bobby is a Jacksonville native who graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1989. Bobby played on 2 State Boys Basketball Teams for JHS in 1987-88 and 1988-89.

During high school, he was a volunteer referee for the 6th grade basketball league, the Crimson Basketball Summer Camps and at the YMCA.

After graduation Bobby played basketball for Carl Sandburg Community College in Galesburg, Illinois. He then transferred to Lakeland Community College in Mattoon Illinois. He enjoyed playing collegiate basketball and understood the value.

After graduating from Lakeland, Bobby moved back to Jacksonville. He worked to create a JHS Alumni game and celebrations for the 1988 and 1989 State teams. He felt it was important to remind JHS alumni how important it was giving back and celebrate the wonderful experience of being a Crimson and playing in the JHS Bowl.

When friend, Coach JR Dugan, returned to Jacksonville Bobby became more involved with the Crimsons Basketball program. He volunteered and encouraged other to volunteer during the summer Crimson Basketball Summer camps and practices. Becoming more involved, Bobby became a volunteer Assistant Varsity Basketball coach for 5 years. Bobby not only volunteered his time coaching but also organized an annual golf outing to raise money for the Crimsons Basketball program. He made a significant investment in the program helping to build a weight room at the Bowl, provide much needed improvements to the locker room, and invest in the teams coaching staff.

The summer before Bobby passed away he worked closely with the Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation to help create the Preservation of the JHS Bowl committee. His concerns and plans were given to help create a work plan to address needed work at the Bowl. When he passed, the memorials were given to the Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation to create the JHS Bowl Fund. Along with Bobby's memorials, his daughter's Leah's Lemonade and Kolby's Cookies fundraisers, 2 Golf Outings honoring Bobby and many community events since 2012 have helped to continue to fund the JHS Bowl Fund.

Bobby always talked about creating a Scholarship Fund. He felt having the opportunity to play basketball in college helped him stay motivated to complete his degree. He always wanted to raise money to support and encourage the JHS Boys Basketball Seniors to move on to the next level of sports, either playing, teaching or coaching.

Bobby's family and friends want to remember his passion for JHS Boys Basketball program, the JHS Bowl and all things Crimsons by creating the Bobby Hoffman Memorial Scholarship. The Bobby Hoffman Memorial Scholarship Fund will be placed with the Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation. Family donations and fundraisers will be used to fund the scholarship.

Intention of the scholarship and student qualities desired:

An annual award of \$500 will be given to at least one JHS Boys Basketball player who meets the following eligibility requirements. The award will be given directly to the post-secondary program the award winner will attend the fall following their high school graduation.

Eligibility:

Attended Jacksonville High School for 4 years.

Played JHS Boys Basketball for 3 years. (At least one must be their Senior year.)

Must be attending a Junior College, 4-year College/University, trade school or military.

Must have examples of community service within the High School time frame.
(For example: Volunteer at Big Brother Big Sister, Referee for area sports organizations, Crimsons Basketball Camps)

The winner must embody Bobby's Super Crimson spirit.

Application:

Each JHS Boys Basketball player eligible for the Bobby Hoffman Memorial Scholarship award will be required to submit an application for the Scholarship. The application will need to be submitted to the Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation by the end of the JHS Boys Varsity Basketball season.

Scholarship Committee:

A committee will be created to review the applications for the Scholarship. The committee should be made up of a JHS Boys Basketball coach, two family members, a JHS High School administrator and a representative of the JPSF. The committee will review the applicants and award the scholarship to the player who best represents Bobby's spirit of a player who is well rounded and takes time to give back to the community. The scholarship and award will be presented annually at the Boys Basketball year-end banquet. The principal has final approval of all recipients.

Bobby Hoffman Memorial Scholarship Application

Date: _____ Name of Applicant: _____

I attended Jacksonville High School all 4 years. _____ Yes or _____ No
(Attending Jacksonville High School for all 4 years is required.)

I played Jacksonville High School Boys Basketball for at least 3 years. _____ Yes or _____ No
(Playing JHS Boys Basketball for at least 3 years including senior year is required.)

Essay: Please submit a typed essay, on a separate page, that describes how you have embodied the "Super Crimson" spirit. Your essay should include ways you have supported the JHS Boys Basketball program, volunteered in the Jacksonville community and other extracurricular activities. The essay should also include how you hope to use your education to better yourself and others.

In the fall:

I plan to attend (post-secondary education or military): _____

Tuition Contact at Institution: _____

Phone and/or Email: _____

Address of Institution: _____

City, State and Zip of Institution: _____

Last Date to Drop in the Fall Semester: _____

\$500 will be mailed directly to the institution after the last date to drop in the Fall Semester.

Date Submitted; _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____