

Jesse Parker “Be the Change” Scholarship

Available to:

Children and young adults participating in a volunteer mission to support humanitarian and/ or social needs in communities in the United States or around the world.

Amount: varies, typically \$200 per applicant selected.

Who will choose the recipient: Remembering Jesse Parker, Inc. Board of Directors

Contact person: Brad & Jennifer Parker, 24174 Hertz Ave, Tomah WI 54660

Scholarship Overview

Jesse Parker imagined a world where each person would make a difference. He believed we all had a responsibility to each other and he was committed to serving others. He believed as Gandhi did, we must each “be the change we wish to see in the world”.

Jesse was tragically killed at age 17 while on a family vacation. Sadly, his funeral occurred on the day he was to leave for a mission trip to an orphanage in Peru. This scholarship is designed to move forward Jesse’s spirit, to encourage those who want to “be the change”. Those who remember Jesse recall his ability to make people feel special, his easy smile, his wisdom, his kind heart and his steadfast protection of the underdog. He planned to earn a degree in engineering and then apply his skills in the Peace Corps bringing clean water to people in need.

Eligibility/Requirements:

This scholarship is intended for a person who is committed to a humanitarian trip to provide assistance anywhere in the world. Someone with the vision and passion to “be the change” and a commitment to doing their part to create a better world. This is intended to be a broad interpretation and can encompass many activities.

- Complete application.
- Describe what activities/actions you have completed to date that represents your commitment to serving others. (Examples: community groups, school clubs, teams, mentoring opportunities).
- Describe the humanitarian trip for which you are seeking funding assistance. Be specific: include dates, location, activities, cost and other funding sources you will use. Describe specifically, in your own words how your activities will serve others and improve the lives of those you touch.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a community leader, teacher, mission leader, 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).

Who will present the award: Remembering Jesse Parker, Inc. Board of Directors, by mail or in person.

How/When will the recipient receive the scholarship monies? The race committee will meet quarterly, as needed, to review applications and fund activities based on selection criteria and available funds.

Deadline: Ongoing

Additional requirements:

*Recipient will agree to participate in a photo to be used by the race committee as needed to promote the charitable activities of the race.

*Recipient will provide a brief essay following their trip to describe how this activity impacted them and their future goals.

Jesse Parker “Be the Change” Scholarship Application

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Name of Activity/ Trip:

Contact person for the trip/ activity: (include phone number & address):

Attach the typed items below:

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

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c/o Brad & Jennifer Parker
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