**The Geoff Birkhead Scholarship Fund**

**James Madison University**

**Purpose:**

The Geoff Birkhead Scholarship Fund has been established to recognize two outstanding seniors at First Colonial High School who have demonstrated high academic achievement, good citizenship, and school/community involvement. Two scholarships will be awarded: one to a senior who will be attending James Madison University, and one to a senior who will be attending University of Virginia.

**History:**

Geoff Birkhead died on September 15, 2004 at age 58, after a courageous nineteen-month battle with cancer. He had been married to Maridy for 32 years, and they had twin daughters, Allison and Laurie. One of his greatest joys was spending time with his family and being actively involved in their lives.

Geoff’s friends and his career were also important aspects of his life. His character was reflected in the dedication and loyalty he showed his friends. These friendships were strong and enduring, many of which lasted for decades. During his legal career, which spanned 33 years, Geoff specialized in corporate and maritime law. He was a diligent worker and skilled attorney who put his clients’ interests first. Geoff was both respected and recognized by his peers in the legal community.

Geoff’s daughters, Allison and Laurie, attended First Colonial High School from 1992 through 1995. After graduation, Allison attended the University of Virginia and Laurie attended James Madison University, both graduating in 1999. Throughout their education, Geoff was a dedicated father, instilling in his daughters the desire to learn and the pride that would come from putting forth their best efforts. He encouraged each of his daughters to develop and strengthen her gifts and talents both in and out of the classroom. Geoff was a strong believer in hard work. He taught his daughters, by example, that this was a necessary ingredient in achieving their goals.

In addition to his family, friends and legal career, Geoff had a broad range of interests. He loved to read and to work with his computer. He enjoyed the process of educating himself on many topics including music, radio, sports, history, politics, and current events. Geoff also loved taking bike rides, and walking on the beach with Maridy and their beloved dog, Shadow.

It is our hope that the recipients of this scholarship will exemplify Geoff’s love of learning, his willingness to work hard to achieve worthwhile goals, his steadfastness in living by his principles, and the enthusiasm with which Geoff Birkhead lived his life.

**THE GEOFF BIRKHEAD JMU SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2019**

**AT FIRST COLONIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**Value of Scholarship**

Amount of each scholarship: $2000.00

**Qualifications**

Any graduating senior at First Colonial High School who has been accepted by James Madison University and has demonstrated a record of academic achievement, good citizenship, and school/community involvement may apply for this scholarship. One scholarship will be awarded to a senior who will be attending **JMU**, and another scholarship to a senior who will be attending **UVA**.

**Method of Selection**

This is a **BLIND APPLICATION**. **No identifying information** will be seen during the selection process. The recipients of the scholarships will be selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, awards and honors, and participation in school and community activities/organizations.

\*\* Two Letter of Reference Forms (provided with application) must be completed and sent in **as part of the application.\*\***

The Scholarship Selection Committee must receive applications by **Tuesday, April 23, 2019**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Final selection of recipients will be made by the Board of Directors of the Geoff Birkhead Scholarship Fund. The Board of Directors may interview a select number of applicants.

**Additional Information**

Winners will be notified by congratulatory letters. The awards will be presented at the awards ceremony at First Colonial High School. The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the universities. It is **the responsibility of the recipients** to notify the Geoff Birkhead Scholarship Fund of **the name and address where payment should be made.**

**Check List**

In order for applicant to be considered for the scholarship, all of the following must be turned in:

1. \_\_\_ Application
2. \_\_\_ Brief Essay on Merit
3. \_\_\_ Brief Essay on Future Plans and Goals
4. \_\_\_ Copy of Transcript
5. \_\_\_ Letter of Reference Form (Teacher)
6. \_\_\_ Letter of Reference Form (Advisor, Employer, Coach, Clergy, etc.)

**DO NOT STAPLE PAGES**

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY **Tuesday**, **APRIL 23, 2019**

TO FIRST COLONIAL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION: MS. TOMAO

**THE GEOFF BIRKHEAD JMU SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2019**

**AT FIRST COLONIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**APPLICANT #J\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Application -** *This section to be completed by applicant.*  **(Leave Blank)**

Date of Birth:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ \_\_\_ - **\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_**

(Give last 4 digits only. Winner will supply SSN when notified)

Years at First Colonial High School:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Age of each Sibling and Gender\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do any of these siblings attend college? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where do they attend and what year are they currently?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Check college to which you have been accepted and plan to attend:

\_\_\_UVA \_\_\_UVA (Early Action) \_\_\_**JMU** \_\_\_ **JMU** (Early Action)

(Note: Applicant must attend either UVA or JMU to be awarded scholarship)

1. List your **high school activities**, and cite your leadership roles where applicable. (Applicant may attach resume or an additional sheet if necessary).

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Parents’/Guardians’ Names:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. List your **“out of school” activities** (e.g. volunteer work, church/community activities, after-school, weekend, and vacation jobs and summer academic programs). Cite leadership roles where applicable. (Applicant may attach resume or an additional sheet if necessary).

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1. Attach a brief essay explaining why you merit this scholarship.

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1. Request a copy of your transcript.
2. Attach the two sealed Letter of Reference Forms as per the application instructions.
3. **Do NOT staple pages.**

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TO FIRST COLONIAL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION: MS.TOMAO

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

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Name of Person giving Reference (Print) Signature Date

Mailing Address: Street City State Zip

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