

The Latrell B. Gaither Legacy Foundation Scholarship

Latrell Bradley Gaither was born on October 20, 1996. Attending military-based elementary and middle schools, Latrell excelled at six different schools and was selected for attendance at a magnet school. In June 2015, he was a senior at Business Careers Magnet High School, San Antonio, Texas, graduating with summa cum laude honors and being ranked number 4 out of 532 seniors.

A LIFE WELL-LIVED: As a military dependent, Latrell's travels included living in four different countries and six distinct locations across the globe to include Germany, Japan and Turkey. Latrell attended the University of Texas at Austin, graduating in 2019 with a BS Degree in Computer Science. Shortly afterwards, he obtained an Early Career internship which transitioned into a career path with Nike, Inc. Latrell's employment with Nike found him living in Portland, Oregon and then working remotely back in Texas as a full stack developer with a specialization in computer networking and security. He was very passionate about networking and security operations and mission success across multiple platforms. Latrell's unique experiences and knowledge combined with his diverse talents and endearing personality resulted in an outstanding young man who enjoyed life and loved spending time with his family and friends.

To continue Latrell's legacy, a foundation and scholarship fund was established in his honor. The foundation's goal is to provide scholarships annually, giving minority, STEM-focused high school graduating seniors the opportunity to pursue and obtain higher education.

Criteria for receiving the Latrell B. Gaither Legacy Foundation Scholarship are listed below.

The recipient must:

1. Have attended Northside Independent School District.
2. Be a 2024 high school graduating senior.
3. Plan on attending a college to prepare for a career in STEM related field.
4. Have a completed application.
5. Deadline Friday, April 26, 2024

Multiple scholarships will be awarded for a monetary value totaling up to \$3,000. Checks will be mailed directly to the college or University that the students will attend in the current academic year. Information will come directly from the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) office on how to receive the funds from the Latrell B. Gaither Legacy Foundation Scholarship.

Complete applications may be submitted in person, by mail or e-mail to:

Northside Education Foundation

Partnerships Dept.

Attn: Vince Rocha
6632 Bandera Rd., Bldg. A
San Antonio, TX 78238

Phone: (210) 397-8599

Email : nisd.partnerships@nisd.net

REVIEW PROCEDURES

- The Scholarship Committee Chairperson will collect and copy all completed applications. (Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant along with a letter of explanation).
- To assure impartiality and anonymity, the Chairperson will block out all references to the applicant's identity and assign each application a number.
- 1-3 recipients and one alternate will be chosen.

NOTIFICATION AND AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIP

- The recipient's high school counselor will be notified so the scholarship and a certificate can be announced and presented.
- A letter of notification will be mailed to the recipient by the Foundation once the committee decision has been made.
- The Scholarship Winner can be announced on social media after recipients have been notified.
- Once PROOF OF ENROLLMENT is established, a check for the awarded amount will be deposited directly into the student's account at the college/university/post-secondary school by the Northside Independent School District NEF – Northside Education Foundation Office. If the Foundation Scholarship committee has not received proof of enrollment by October 1 of the scholarship year, the scholarship will be awarded to the alternate.

Activities and awards outside of school – Community Services, Scouts, Volunteer Projects, Church, etc. and offices held in each (if applicable).

PART III. STUDENT EMPLOYMENT RECORD: (Present and/or Previous)

Employer # 1 _____ Position held _____

Dates: From _____ To _____

Employer # 2 _____ Position held _____

Dates: From _____ To _____

PART IV. COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING:

College/University Name and Location:

1st / Accepted Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

PART V. PERSONAL ESSAY

On a separate sheet or sheets, please write (or type) an essay of 300 – 500 words, describing yourself as a person and a hardship you have overcome. Discuss what inspired or led you to a STEM career path and any experiences you have had that led you to believe this will be a satisfying career for you.