



KristenAmerson
• Youth Foundation •

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Kristen Amerson Youth Foundation, Inc.

The Kristen Amerson Youth Foundation was created to carry on the memories and legacy of Kristen Amerson. Kristen never got the chance to meet her potential, or to find her purpose, and her family vowed to keep her spirit alive, which is the inspiration for the Kristen Amerson Youth Foundation.

It is the purpose of the foundation to provide suicide prevention and awareness, empowerment-coaching, educational outreach, and advocacy services to children, adolescents, and their families. The organization's goal is to prevent suicide amongst youth. The Kristen Amerson Youth Foundation works to provide services to increase awareness of suicide and bullying amongst the younger generation. It is our hope that services of the Kristen Amerson Youth Foundation will empower youth by providing educational support to encourage healthier lives for local youth.

Kristen's Story

Kristen Amerson was a beautiful young lady who loved experimenting with fashion, make-up, and hairstyles. She was the only girl in a household with three brothers and one of her favorite activities was playfully teasing her brothers. Anyone who knew Kristen could see how gifted she was, and how much of a gift she was to both her family and her community.

Kristen ended her life on Thursday, April 10th, 2014, at the young age of 11. Suicide amongst youth always leaves the family and loved ones wondering what more could have been done, and Kristen's family is no different. There was never a point when Kristen's family pictured life without her. She was a given, and they never thought she would not be with them. With increasing awareness of youth suicide, it is understood that no one can know the truth of what an individual is experiencing.

Kristen's life was just beginning, and she never got the chance to meet her potential or find her purpose, but her life has inspired the formation and work of the Kristen Amerson Youth Foundation to spread awareness of issues including youth suicide, mental illness, trauma, and bullying. The hope of the organization lies in its ability to impact the lives of the local community and underserved youth who need support.

Hello Applicant!

Please complete the attached application form to apply for the \$1,000 KAYF, Inc. Scholarship.

To be considered for the KAYF, Inc. Scholarship:

- Must be a current senior enrolled at Tuscaloosa City Schools
- Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA (grade point average)
- Must be enrolled in a 4-year undergraduate program or be enrolling for the upcoming fall semester **AND** must submit proof of enrollment
- Submit a copy of high school transcript
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a high school teacher at current school
- Submit required essays – Minimum of 500 words for each essay

Topics for Essays

- Why is suicide an issue in our community and what can be done to decrease the rate of suicide?
- What are your career aspirations and how will the Kristen Amerson Youth Foundation, Inc., scholarship help you achieve such?

Instructions:

For electronic submission, please email completed application to info@kristenamersonyouth.org along with the requested attachments below.

For mail submission, please mail completed application to the address below along with the requested attachments below.

Kristen Amerson Youth Foundation
PO Box 70443
Tuscaloosa, AL 35407

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. One letter of recommendation
- B. Essays – Minimum of 500 words for each essay
- C. Transcript
- D. Acceptance Letter

Please **type** or **print** using **black** ink.

Disclaimer: If at any time during the application process it is determined that false information has been provided the application will not be considered.

Student's Name:		
Student's Mailing Address:		
Student's Phone Number:	Student's Email Address:	
School Currently Attending:	Current GPA (grade point average):	ACT Score or SAT Score:
Please circle the KAYF Scholarship in which you are applying for: (Choices reflect the field of study students will be studying in college. For majors outside of education and mental health, please select general.)		
General	Education	Mental Health
Selected College/University (Please attach copy of acceptance letter):		Desired Major:
Honors/Awards:		
Extracurricular Activities:		

Signature

Date

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING!