

Matthew “*Swirls*” Cirelli Memorial Scholarship Award 2022-2023

Matthew was a 2012 graduate of Medford High School. He valued friendship and enjoyed spending time with his friends. Matt was a member of the cross-country team for three years and was honored with the Unsung Hero Award in his senior year. He had a kind heart and gentle spirit and was a friend who you could trust and was always there when you needed him. He was a friend to all.

Community service and giving back to others was an important part of Matt’s life. He especially valued his work with the Best Buddies Organization and Special Olympics. Outside of school, Matt valued time spent with his family and was a leader at starting family traditions.

When Matt was 17-years-old he was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma, a soft tissue cancer. He fought a courageous battle for two years with strength and dignity, never losing his zest for life. Matt passed away on December 8, 2013, but his memory lives on.

This scholarship was established to honor and celebrate the life of Matthew Swirls Cirelli and to continue his legacy. The goal of the scholarship is to lend a helping hand to a student who shares the same qualities that Matt exemplified throughout his life; friendship, a humble team player always thinking of others and a commitment to community service.

Matthew “*Swirls*” Cirelli Memorial Scholarship Award Application

\$1000 Scholarship Award

Qualifications:

- Medford High School or Vocational High School Senior.
- Must be pursuing further studies at a two or four-year college or university.
- Must submit completed application by April 1st 2023.
- **Please send completed application to swirlsaroundtheworld@gmail.com**

Application:

Name:

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Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

School attending in 2023:

- I. Please list all school activities, community services and/or work experiences you have been involved in:
- II. Include a recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor with this application
- III. Essay:

Matt Cirelli was a kind, compassionate friend who created an inclusive atmosphere for everyone he loved and met. As an avid sports fan, Swirls knew life could throw some curveballs or cause an unexpected stumble. However, Matt's personal off-speed pitch, Ewing's sarcoma, never stopped him from encompassing a friendly environment where anyone in need of a friend could feel welcomed.

Please write an essay with a minimum of 500 words explaining a time when you helped someone overcome their own personal struggle; a time where someone needed a friend, and like a good teammate, you delivered.