

Bobie Chen Bao Memorial Scholarship

2023-2024 School Year

History: Bobie Bao was a member of the Gateway High School class of 2006. After being diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a relatively uncommon cancer, in early 2002, he resolved to not let cancer keep him from pursuing his goals and living life to the fullest. He proceeded to thrive academically in his honors and AP classes at Gateway. He actively engaged in a variety of community service activities and high school clubs. He continued to enhance his already impressive artistic ability. And he did all of this while undergoing multiple cycles of chemotherapy and radiation and the physical and emotional burden incurred by this treatment. In December 2005, Bobie accomplished his long-held goal of gaining admission to Yale University. One month later, in January 2006, Bobie passed away at the age of seventeen. While his death left many wondering what he might have accomplished in the future, his life left no question about what he already had accomplished. Bobie had taught so many of his friends and classmates to live with strength, passion, and purpose. He had shown them what it meant to overcome and to never lose hope. Because of Bobie's influence on their lives, many of his friends are currently working to make a difference in the lives of others in fields such as education, law, and medicine. His time on Earth came to an end, but his legacy remains alive in the many lives he impacted so deeply.

About The Scholarship: The Bobie Chen Bao Memorial Scholarship is a one year, non-renewable scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 that will be awarded to one Gateway High School senior in May 2024. The scholarship will be awarded to a senior who has demonstrated a commitment to academics, community service, and creative arts. This individual should also be able to identify at least one individual who has had a profound impact on his or her life and be able to describe how this person has influenced his or her plans for the future.

Requirements: To be considered for this scholarship, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. A transcript from a guidance counselor should be provided for verification.
- Have demonstrated a commitment to community service. Past community service involvement should be listed on the application
- OPTIONAL: Provide a sample of creative arts work—this can be a piece of creative writing, poetry, artwork, or music
- Have submitted a typed response to the essay prompt on the other side of this

form

The scholarship application is on the reverse side of this form. It must be completed in its entirety.

Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant:

Phone Number: _____ **E-mail Address:**

Current GPA: _____

A copy of the applicant's transcript should be obtained from a guidance counselor and submitted.

College Plans (Potential schools, majors, etc.):

Community Service: *List most important community service activities and the dates or total hours served for each activity.*

<u>Service Activity</u>	<u>Years (e.g 2020-2023)</u> <u>& Total Hours</u>
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Creative Arts (OPTIONAL): *If the applicant has a sample of personal work in the creative arts, he or she may submit it with the application. Examples include creative writing, poetry, art, or musical pieces.*

Essay (REQUIRED): *Submit a typed response to the following essay prompt:*

- Please write an essay of **at least** 750 words about an individual who has had a significant impact on your life and how this individual has influenced your plans for the future. This individual may be a friend, family member, or other role model such as an athlete or celebrity, and may be alive or deceased. The essay should describe the following:
 - The identity of the individual and what makes him or her an inspiration to you
 - The ways in which he or she has influenced the person you are today and the goals you have for the future
 - The ways in which you hope to have a similar impact on the lives of others in the future

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER TO MRS. MANSO IN
THE COUNSELING OFFICE BY **MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024**