

EDWIN JACKSON 53 FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Edwin Jackson 53 Foundation will award Fall semester book scholarships to selected college students in Georgia and Indiana who have demonstrated a commitment to youth-focused community service. The purpose of the Edwin Jackson 53 Scholarship Program is to recognize and support college students who use their time and talents to inspire and support youth in their communities. The goal of this effort is to mobilize and encourage the next generation of leaders who display the work ethic and values that are the legacy of the late Edwin Jackson.

To apply for consideration, application materials including a short video must be emailed to to edwinjackson53@givingback.org by **January 25, 2019**. Scholarship Awards will be announced in February.

About Edwin

Edwin was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. One of 10 children, Edwin attended Westlake High School, where he excelled as a student and participated on the football and wrestling teams. After receiving no scholarships coming out of high school, Edwin joined Georgia Southern University's football team as a walk-on. Edwin had an impressive football career at Georgia Southern University. He is considered one of the best linebackers in school history and in his senior year was voted team captain by his teammates.

Edwin began his professional career as an undrafted free agent, ultimately finding a home with the Indianapolis Colts where he became their starting linebacker in 2016. Edwin spent the 2017 season on injury reserve, gearing up for his return in 2018.

Through Edwin's entire college and professional career, it was his mission to maximize his platform by motivating and inspiring others, particularly youth, to reach and achieve their dreams. For example, during one Christmas break in his college years, Edwin and a friend traveled to Costa Rica and held a football clinic for local youth. Edwin also volunteered with the Special Olympics program. Whenever he had a break from football, he was doing community service, hosting pop-up camps for kids, or sharing his story as a motivational speaker at schools. A highlight for Edwin was sharing his "never giving up" story to a class at Harvard University.

Edwin was a one of a kind son, brother, friend, and football player. His incredible life was tragically cut short on Super Bowl Sunday of 2018 by a drunk driver. You can learn more about Edwin here:

<http://www.edwinjackson53.com/about-53.html>

Criteria

The selection process for applicants is based on the following criteria:

- The applicant is a full time student in good academic standing at an accredited post-secondary institution in Georgia, Indiana, or California
- The applicant uses their time and talents to make a positive impact in their community, particularly with youth
- The applicant commits to provide a brief end-of-semester report on their continued efforts to support and inspire youth in their community.

Application Process

To apply to the Edwin Jackson 53 Scholarship Program, please email the below information to edwinjackson53@givingback.org no later than January 21, 2019. All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by a committee of the Edwin Jackson 53 Foundation. Follow up interviews and/or additional information may be requested of finalists.

Extraordinary applicants will be selected for award of a Fall semester \$500 book scholarship. This scholarship does not renew annually, however recipients are welcome to apply in subsequent years as long as they continue to meet eligibility requirements.

Emailed applications must include the following as attachments:

- A completed application form
- A short video (about 2 minutes) of the applicant stating their name, school, and major as well as how and why they participate in youth focused community service.
- Documentation of full-time enrollment in an accredited college or university in the state of Georgia or Indiana (verification of good academic standing with the school will be required prior to any award).
- (Optional) A letter or letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's work to support and inspire youth.
- Applications must be submitted no later than **January 25, 2019**.

Scholarship recipients will be required to sign a scholarship agreement form prior to disbursement of scholarship funds. All funds will be given directly to the selected student's college or university.

The Edwin Jackson 53 Foundation is a fiscally-sponsored project at [The Giving Back Fund, Inc.](#), a nonprofit corporation with tax exemption status from the IRS under code 501c3. The tax ID number is #04-3367888.

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BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of Birth:

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18):

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION

University/College attending:

Major:

Phone number of the financial aid office:

I am currently a: Freshmen Sophomore Junior Senior

Please provide a brief description of the community service activities you have engaged in to support youth, including the name of the organizations that you have worked with and your role in the described activities. If additional space is required, a separate document may be used to submit this information.

APPLICATION SIGNATURE

By signing below I certify that I understand the criteria for the scholarship and submission deadline for the application.

I hereby authorize the reviews of all aspects of this application and I acknowledge that the information provided herein is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18)

Date