

Brett R Blecha Scholarship Fund

In Brett's Memory... Continuing to Help Others



Brett R Blecha was born, raised and had a home his entire life within the James B. Conant High School boundaries, At Conant High School Brett was very active both academically and athletically. He participated in football, baseball and the throwing events for track & field. While being heavily involved in extra-curricular activities, he still took his studies very seriously taking various AP and Honors courses. He was also a member of National Honor Society as well as other clubs and activities. He was truly the epitome of a student-athlete. It was during his time at CHS when he started taking electives in the Applied Technology department, like CAD Drafting, where he found his passion and decided to advance his education in this field.

After graduating from James B. Conant High School in 2001, he furthered his education by attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and majoring in Architecture. Brett completed his undergraduate degree in 2005 and stayed at U of I to complete his Master's Degree in Structural Engineering in 2007. After graduating from U of I, Brett began working at Larson Engineering as a Structural Engineer.

This scholarship was created to honor the memory of an amazing person. Brett, a Conant High School graduate, was always someone who was looking out for other people and would help anyone in any way that he could. This scholarship is a way for him to continue helping others even though he cannot as Brett passed away unexpectedly on October 1st, 2015.

Scholarship Information

Brett R Blecha believed in the power of education. He pursued the knowledge that led him to a successful career in his field of choice. To recognize that important part of Brett's life this scholarship fund is established to provide monetary assistance to qualified high school seniors. Qualifications are to be accepted into a four-year college program and to be focusing in the architecture/engineering field of studies.

The scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000. The first \$1,000 will be paid for the freshman year of college and the final \$1,000 before the senior year provided the student is still pursuing the original architecture/engineering major.

Application Information

To apply for this scholarship please visit <https://www.brbscholarshipfund.org/> and click the "Scholarship App" Tab.

*****Deadlines are posted on the website.*****

Please be prepared to provide a copy of your letter of acceptance from the college/university you are planning to attend, a copy of your (unofficial) high school transcript, and a one-page essay that includes the following information.

- Academic Achievements
- School/Extra-Curricular Involvement
- Community Involvement
- Reason for pursuing a degree in the architecture/engineering field

You will also need a letter of recommendation from a CHS Faculty member that can be submitted at the same website as listed above.

The BRB Scholarship Fund Board of Directors in concert with Conant High School Faculty Partners will review your application and a winner will be chosen and announced at the Honors Convocation each year.