

Matthew Earl Holt Scholarship

In Honor and Memory of Matthew Earl Holt

Matthew Earl Holt 1971 - 2017

Matthew Earl Holt grew up in South Jordan, Utah. He graduated from Bingham High School with many lifelong friendships and memories. Inspirational teachers and leaders encouraged him to go on to college although his medical problems were preventing him from achieving this goal. Matthew earned a scholarship from Westminster College, and received an Academic Letter and was named Miner of the Year upon graduation. His parents, Earl and Maxine Holt, both attended Bingham and graduated in 1969. Maxine was also Miner of the year and Student-body Vice President while Earl played basketball.

Because of a miraculous second kidney transplant, eight weeks after graduation, Matt was able to go to college, and graduated from Westminster College Summa Cum Laude in Psychology in 1993. He was an officer in Alpha Chi, a National Honor Society.

Matthew had a special place in his heart for children, especially those who were suffering, and loved working at the Children's Center. This compassion developed because Matthew courageously suffered many health problems from the day he was born, enduring 35 surgeries two kidney transplants open-heart surgery and dialysis from fifth grade until he graduated from Bingham High School. Matthew was generous and funny, witty and kind. He loved to travel, he loved to laugh, and though his life was plagued with constant medical concerns, his smile was quick, and he never let his body stop him! His courageous spirit shows us how one person can continue to bring so much love, and joy and comfort to others.



Scholarship Selection Criteria

Each year 2 Senior Students, one male and one female, will be awarded a Scholarship to be used at the College or University of their choice.

Qualifications & Requirements

- A Senior at Bingham High School on Track for Graduation, looking to enter an accredited college as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student.
- A Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Must be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- A completed Matthew Earl Holt Scholarship application
- A personal Essay must Accompany the application (Typed)
- 2 Letters of Recommendation for the applicant
- A copy of the applicants Academic Grade Transcript

The Personal Essay should include the following:

- What personal / social barriers have you had to overcome to get to where you are today?
- Why do you want to go to college and what are your goals after college?
- What involvement in leadership / service opportunities have you had in your school and community?
- What financial needs do you face regarding college?
- Why do you think you would be a good recipient for this scholarship?

The Letters of Recommendation should include the following:

- In what capacity and how long have you known the Applicant?
- How has the applicant shown marked improvement in their life?
- How has the applicant show leadership, teamwork, and service in their life?
- Additional Comments, including Financial need?

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Deadline: April 20, 2026
Scholarship Application

To be completed by the Applicant

1. Full Name:
2. Phone Number:
3. Email:
4. Complete Address:
5. Father:
6. Mother:
7. Siblings :
8. Describe your Work Experience, Community Experience and School Experience?
9. How will you be supported in College & have you been awarded any other scholarships?

10. What are your Educational Goals?

11. List Honors, AP or concurrent enrollment if any?

12. Extracurricular activities

13. Describe what you would like to give back to others once you complete your schooling:

14. Matthew was a great example of courage, no matter his circumstances, how have you shown this same kind of courage?

