



## **Benjamin Xavier “BJ” Kennedy, Sr., Memorial Scholarship**

Benjamin Xavier "BJ" Kennedy Sr., was born in Spanish Harlem, New York. BJ was a people person who took great joy in helping others. He especially enjoyed mentoring young people and sharing his love of track and field with them. BJ affectionately known as "Coach BJ" coached track and field in Rockdale and Newton counties for over ten years. BJ was also very passionate about his career in law enforcement and serving and impacting the community. He took great pride in working in law enforcement for over 38 years. Two scholarships are being established to honor his memory and assist two students in reaching their academic goals.

### **Award Amount**

**\$500** will be awarded to (1) Graduating High School Senior and (1) college student.

### **Application Deadline & Information**

The Application Deadline is **April 16, 2021**.

- Only completed scholarship entries will be accepted. No late entries will be accepted.
- Scholarship awards will be disbursed after July 1, 2021. Each award recipient will receive instructions on disbursement procedures and guidelines. Disbursement of scholarship funds is contingent upon enrollment.

### **Scholarship 1 – Benjamin Xavier “BJ” Kennedy, Sr., Memorial Scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors - \$500**

#### **Requirements**

- Must be a graduating high school senior to apply.
- The student must have demonstrated leadership qualities and have documented community service experience.
- (2) letters of recommendation are required from one and one community leader.
- The student must have a current cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Transcript: Current Grade Report that indicates current GPA or Transcript.
- Applicant must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States.
- Resume: Submit a student resume to include a brief description of the following:
  - a list of academic awards and recognition, and
  - a list of extracurricular activities, including church-related activities.
- Submit **one** Personal Essay in 500 words or less to include the following:



- Part 1- Please explain your community service involvement.
  - Part 2- After obtaining your college degree, how do you plan to make a difference and impact in your community?
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- College Acceptance Letter: A college acceptance letter must be submitted. All applicants must be accepted and enrolled as a full-time student at a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution.

## Scholarship 2 – Benjamin Xavier “BJ” Kennedy, Sr., Memorial Scholarship for College Students - \$500

### Requirements

- Currently enrolled at a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution and majoring in Criminal Justice.
- The student must have demonstrated leadership qualities and have documented community service experience.
- (2) letters of recommendation are required from one educator (college professor, teaching assistant, or academic advisor) and one community leader.
- The student must have a current cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Transcript: Current grade report that indicates current GPA or Transcript.
- Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
- Submit one Personal Essay in 500 words or less to include the following:
  - Part 1- Please explain your community service involvement.
  - Part 2- After obtaining your college degree, how do you plan to make a difference and impact in your community?

### How to Apply

All applications must be submitted online. Click the following link to complete the application <https://sbclive.wufoo.com/forms/q1mp0agt0yt3hsk/>

### Questions

If you have any questions, please email [growthu@sbcgrowth.church](mailto:growthu@sbcgrowth.church). All applications/documents must be submitted by April 16, 2021. Any applications/documents received after the due date of April 16, 2021, will not be accepted.