



The purpose of the reference form is to provide an opportunity to support those applying for a scholarship and to expand on why they would be deserving of a scholarship. These reference forms will be helpful to the committee reviewing the applications to ensure decisions are made with as much information as possible.

The background information below has been provided in an effort to assist those who have been asked by an applicant to complete a reference form.

### **About Jordan Boyd**

Jordan Boyd was born on May 23, 1997 and tragically passed away on August 12, 2013. Jordan grew up in Bedford, Nova Scotia and attended Sunnyside Elementary School, Eaglewood Elementary School, and Bedford Junior High School. Jordan attended Rothesay Netherwood School in Rothesay, New Brunswick where he completed Grade 10. Jordan was the son of Stephen and Deborah Boyd and has two older sisters, Kelsey and Jillian, and one older brother Greg, maternal and paternal grandparents, seven aunts and uncles, and many cousins, all of whom he loved dearly. At the time of his passing, Jordan was playing hockey, attending the opening day of the Acadie-Bathurst Titan's training camp, having been drafted 66th overall by them in the 2013 QMJHL Entry Draft, an accomplishment he was very proud of yet at the same time very humble about.

### **About the Jordan Boyd Leadership Award**

The Jordan Boyd Leadership Award was established in the Fall of 2013 by the family of Jordan Boyd, with the generous assistance of the local community, to honor and remember a special young man.

Jordan Boyd was well known in the Bedford community and the Atlantic hockey community. A review of messages on the various social media over the past few months show that Jordan touched many people in his short life. He had a very broad and diverse group of friends. Jordan's friends describe him as fun, uplifting, kind, loyal, generous, humble, the fixer who would pick up a friend who was having a bad day, and as the boy who would stand up to others who were being unkind. To his family Jordan was the baby of the family, a loving son, and brother. His family was immensely important to Jordan as he was to them, who are extremely proud of Jordan and the fine young man he grew into. Jordan was known for his smile which would light up a room, something which everyone commented on.

The kinds of qualities that are being sought in Leadership Award applicants are those which in many ways emulate Jordan. They include demonstration of:

- 1) **Character.** Is the applicant a positive role model for their peers and family? Do they try to have positive relations with others and are they a positive contributor to their family and larger community?

- 2) **Work ethic.** Do they demonstrate a positive work ethic? Do they try to do well in the things they tackle in life such as school, part-time jobs, athletics, etc. This doesn't mean they need to be an A student or a star athlete, it really is about do they try to do their best.
- 3) **Kindness.** Are they a friend when someone needs help? Do they do volunteer work or other acts that are done to make the community or another person's situation better?

### **Completing the Form**

Reference Forms for both an Academic and a Coach reference are available at [www.jordanboyd.ca](http://www.jordanboyd.ca)  
Completed reference forms can be returned sealed directly to the Leadership Award Committee;  
completed letters can be returned to:

Jordan Boyd Leadership Award Committee  
PO Box 44112 Bedford  
Bedford, NS  
B4A 3X5

Completed forms need to be postmarked **no later than April 21, 2017**

Thank you for taking the time to complete the reference form. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at [info@jordanboyd.ca](mailto:info@jordanboyd.ca)