

The Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Zachary Michael Cruz Foundation
Administered in conjunction with the Transfer, Re-entry, and Student Parent Center at the
University of California, Berkeley

ZACH'S BIOGRAPHY

The Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship was established in 2010 to honor Zachary Cruz, who was born on March 12, 2003 in Ventura, California. Zachary passed away unexpectedly on February 27, 2009, just two weeks before his 6th birthday, when he was hit in the crosswalk by a truck as he crossed the street at the intersection of Derby and Warring in Berkeley, California with his daycare teacher and three other children.



In his six years of life, Zachary grew into a truly remarkable person. He was articulate and funny; he was smart and curious; he was gentle, loving, and kind to everyone he met. An avid fan of all things "Cal," Zach loved Golden Bear Football, Big Game Week, Oski the Bear, and the restaurants and cafes that surround the campus. He enjoyed the view from the Campanile, the dinosaurs at the Valley Life Sciences Building, and eating frozen yogurt on a warm afternoon near the fountain on Sproul Plaza.

Zachary was at the very beginning of what we truly believe would have been a remarkable academic career. An enthusiastic kindergartner, Zachary raised his hand with excitement each and every time his teacher asked a question. He was a loving sibling, who would sing and talk and help with his new brother, Miles, every day. He was curious and excited about the world, full of questions and insights that continually surprised us - questions about science, politics, sports, history, and technology. His favorite band was The Beatles. He was a t-ball player, a Dodgers fan, and he loved Legos, Star Wars, and Sponge Bob Squarepants.

Most of all, Zachary was a wonderful son, a constant source of pride, and an unending spring of love, encouragement, and affection. He is deeply missed and will never be forgotten. We hope Zachary's joyful spirit of curiosity and his love of learning will continue to live on through students we support via the Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship.

Frank and Jodie Cruz

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Purpose:

The Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship was created by the Cruz family to:

- 1) preserve the memory of Zachary Michael Cruz,*
- 2) reward excellence in public education,
- 3) support the University's commitment to access, equity, and inclusion at Berkeley, and
- 4) give back to the communities of Ventura County and the San Francisco Bay Area, where the Cruz family was proud to raise their son.

*Visit the Zachary Michael Cruz Foundation to read more about how Zachary's life inspired this scholarship at: <http://www.zmcfoundation.org/zachary-and-education>

Eligibility Requirements:

- ⇒ **Applicant** must be a transfer student from a California Community College OR a student parent¹,
- ⇒ **And** also a graduate of a public high school in Ventura County or the San Francisco Bay Area²
- ⇒ **And** currently enrolled, or with an offer of admission, at the University of California, Berkeley
- ⇒ **Applicant** must demonstrate academic excellence, and a commitment to the community service ideals on which this scholarship is based.

Application Process:

- **Application period open October 14 – November 14**
- **Applications must be received by 5:00pm, Monday November 14**
- **Application review and selection of finalists: November 14-21**
- **Finalists interviews: November 28 – December 2**
- **Selection announced by December 7, 2011**

Amount of the Award:

In 2011, the scholarship endowment will fund an award of up to \$5,000.

¹ "Student Parent" (for the purpose of determining applicant eligibility) is defined as a student, enrolled or with an offer of admission at the University of California, Berkeley, who has one or more dependent children or a delivery due date concurrent with period of enrollment at the University of California, Berkeley.

² For the purpose of this scholarship, the "San Francisco Bay Area" includes the following five counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo.

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Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name: _____ Student ID: _____
Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Applicant information required to confirm scholarship eligibility:

High School from which you graduated, if applicable:

(year graduated, name of high school and county)

Community College from which you transferred, if applicable:

(year transferred, name of college and county)

High School GPA (if entered Cal as freshmen): _____

Community College GPA (if entered Cal as a transfer student): _____

Current Berkeley GPA: _____

Number of semesters completed at Cal: _____

Anticipated graduation date (semester/year): _____

Are you a student parent? (see definition on bottom of pg. 2):

Yes No

** Note: finalists will be asked to provide copies of relevant transcripts to confirm the above information, if invited for an interview.*

Essay Questions

**Please provide your responses on a separate sheet of paper and attach to your application. Each question should not exceed 400 words.*

1) What experiences in your life have most influenced your academic journey?

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2) What have you accomplished in the past, or are intending to accomplish in the future, that contributes to the well-being of others, in your family, your community, on the Cal campus or in the career field you plan to enter.

3) What are your educational goals? How can the Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship assist you in achieving your personal and academic aspirations?

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



Submit completed application by email, fax, or mail to:

Email: studentparents@berkeley.edu

Fax: (510) 643-1963

Mail or in person:
Attn: Alice Jordan
100 Cesar Chavez Center
Berkeley, CA 94720-4260

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