

The Rodney Odom  
Memorial  
Scholarship  
Application

**The Rodney Odom Memorial  
Scholarship Committee**

4582 Kingwood Dr.  
Suite E-311  
Kingwood, TX 77345

Dear Applicant:

It is with great honor that the Rodney Odom Memorial Foundation has agreed to establish two high school scholarships.

At 6'11", a former college, professional athlete and Kingwood High School graduate, Rodney Odom was in the "Kid Improvement" business. He loved using his experiences to help kids achieve their full potential on and off the court. He understood how playing the game influenced lives and brought communities and families together. He found that teaching kids, watching them gain confidence and seeing them realize that effort and persistence pays off were the most rewarding experiences of his life. To channel this passion he co-founded Project Hoops, a non-profit select youth sports organization dedicated to teaching discipline, leadership, and teamwork through physical conditioning and top quality competitive basketball play. Rodney gave countless hours of his day dedicated to the improvement of kids and he loved every minute. He would be honored that this scholarship has been established to financially assist in the continuation of the player's education after high school. It is our honor to continue his legacy of making a difference in young players' lives.

Rodney will not only be missed by his wife, daughter, family and countless friends but also by the entire basketball community.

**Rodney Odom  
1970 - 2008**

The Rodney Odom Memorial Foundation is pleased to offer scholarships to students who plan to continue their education beyond the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. A total of two (2) twenty-five hundred dollar (\$2,500) scholarships are available, one to a Kingwood High School or Kingwood Park High School Senior and the second to a High School Senior from Houston, Texas.

## **Selection Criteria**

Applicants must be high school seniors who are registered with their respective school's athletic department.

*Without regard to race, sex, religion or financial need, selection will be based on applicant's essay score, scholastic achievement, a coach recommendation, teacher evaluations and extracurricular activities*

*These scholarships are not renewable.*

The application form must be accompanied by an essay of 500 words or less on "How \_\_\_\_\_ (your sport) Has Made Me A Better\_\_\_\_\_". It must also be accompanied by the applicant's high school transcript showing grades, SAT or ACT score, GPA and class rank.

Selection of recipients will be the responsibility of the Scholarship Committee.

All selections are final.

## **Procedure**

Students must have the scholarship application, teacher and coach recommendations postmarked by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Selection will be made by April 15th. Only applicants selected to receive a scholarship will be notified.

Before issuance of the monetary awards, recipients will provide a copy of the letter of acceptance to the school they plan to attend. The scholarship may be used for tuition, room & board, course-related books or fees and will be paid directly to the university. \$1250 will be paid at the beginning of the fall semester. The remaining \$1250 will be paid at the beginning of the spring semester provided that the fall semester transcript has been received by the ROMF within 30 days of the beginning of the spring semester and the recipient has completed the equivalent of 12 semester hours with a 2.25 gpa or higher. If the recipient do not met the requirements the remaining \$1250 will be forfeited.

Note: To help out your coach and teachers and expedite their responses, give them a stamped self-addressed envelope made out to the Scholarship Committee with your name on left hand bottom corner.

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**Coach Recommendation**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Team:          Varsity          JV

Coach's Telephone Number:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Background Information:**

How long have you **coached** this player?

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**Ratings:** Compared to other players you have coached, how would you rate this player?

|                        | Below Average | Average | Good | Very Good | Excellent (top 10%) |
|------------------------|---------------|---------|------|-----------|---------------------|
| Leadership             |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Team Work              |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Attendance at practice |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Discipline             |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Work Habits            |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Motivation             |               |         |      |           |                     |

**Evaluation:** On a separate piece of paper please write whatever you think is important about this player; include a description of skills and mental attitude. Mention the player's motivation, relative maturity, integrity, originality, intuition, leadership potential, growth, special talents and enthusiasm. Specific information that will help to differentiate this player from others is appreciated.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher Recommendation

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Taught \_\_\_\_\_

**Background Information:**

How long have you known this student?

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Ratings: Compared to other college bound students whom you have taught, check how you would rate this student in terms of academic skills and potential.

|                                | Below<br>Average | Average | Good | Very<br>Good | Excellent<br>(top 10%) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------|------|--------------|------------------------|
| Creativity                     |                  |         |      |              |                        |
| Motivation                     |                  |         |      |              |                        |
| Independence                   |                  |         |      |              |                        |
| Intellectual ability           |                  |         |      |              |                        |
| Academic<br>achievement        |                  |         |      |              |                        |
| Written expression of<br>ideas |                  |         |      |              |                        |
| Effective class<br>discussions |                  |         |      |              |                        |
| Disciplined work<br>habits     |                  |         |      |              |                        |

**Evaluation:** On a separate piece of paper please write whatever you think is important about this student, including a description of academic and personal characteristics. Mention the candidate's intellectual promise, motivation, relative maturity, integrity, independence, initiative, leadership potential, special talents, and enthusiasm. Specific information that will help to differentiate this student from others is appreciated.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher Recommendation

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Taught \_\_\_\_\_

**Background Information:**

How long have you known this student?

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Ratings: Compared to other college bound students whom you have taught, check how you would rate this student in terms of academic skills and potential.

|                             | Below Average | Average | Good | Very Good | Excellent (top 10%) |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|------|-----------|---------------------|
| Creativity                  |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Motivation                  |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Independence                |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Intellectual ability        |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Academic achievement        |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Written expression of ideas |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Effective class discussions |               |         |      |           |                     |
| Disciplined work habits     |               |         |      |           |                     |

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Team:           Varsity           JV

High School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

High School Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Recommendation (2 required)  
Have teachers fill out and forward to committee

List any High School Activities and Awards

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List any awards or other forms of recognition you have received (sports, community)

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List employment held and/or volunteer work you have done

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School you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Address of school \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted?                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the selection procedures and acknowledge that any misrepresentation of the facts on this application will be cause for cancellation of the scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mail completed application to:  
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