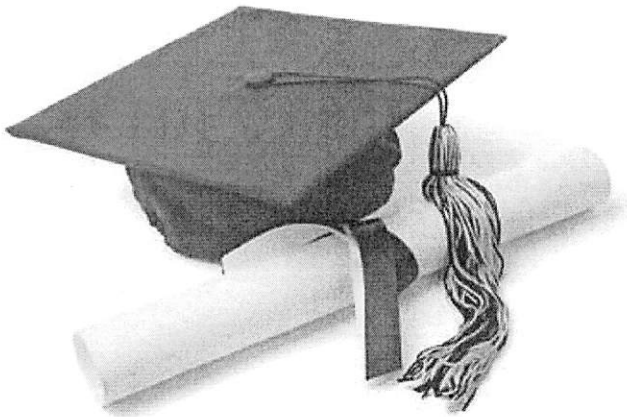


2019
MATTHEW C. GRAZIADEI
ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Application

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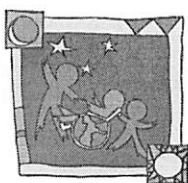


**Exceptional Children's
Assistance Center**

to an

**Outstanding
NC High School Senior
with a Disability**

Application deadline: Wednesday, February 13, 2019



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The 2019 Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center is proud to offer the Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award to a North Carolina high school senior with a disability. This award includes a \$1,500 scholarship to be used for any post high school learning experience/training *or for* equipment/technology needed for employment.

ELIGIBILITY:

ALL North Carolina students with disabilities are eligible for nomination. This includes students enrolled in the Occupation Course of Study, students who will be receiving a Certificate of Graduation and students enrolled in the Future Ready Course of Study.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Matthew Carmen Graziadei was a remarkable young man who died in January 1998 at the age of 26. He graduated from Myers Park High School in Charlotte, NC and was elected to Who's Who in American High School Students. Matt was a student intern at the Charlotte Mint Museum and served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association both locally and statewide. He achieved President's Honors at Central Piedmont Community College and served in Washington, DC with the US Surgeon General's Council on Families and Disabilities. Matt also started his own business and was a contractor in facilities, engineering and computer services.

When asked to define the characteristics that made Matt unique his family and friends the attributes listed below. These attributes will be the criteria used for selecting the winner for this award.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Determination | --- reaching above one's imagination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perseverance | --- remaining steadfast against all odds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persistence | --- starting from scratch and striving until successful |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedication | --- maintaining solid effort and achievement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confidence | --- overcoming obstacles through internal courage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motivation | --- seeing life as a series of opportunities, not obstacles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fortitude | --- keeping going after others have stopped |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accomplishment | --- succeeding with on---going new vision |

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, February 13, 2019. The award will be presented to the winning student during his/her high school awards ceremony. Based on applications received, additional students may be selected as Finalists.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must submit the following documents for consideration:

Applicant Form – **TRANSCRIPTS ARE NOT REQUIRED**

Nomination Narrative -

A one-page narrative completed by the school counselor, student or someone who knows the student describing the student and his/her accomplishments in relationship to the attributes listed on page 1. Include a brief personal history, education or career goals, and reasons why they should be selected for this award.

3 Letters of Recommendation -- must be individualized to student.

- Administrator from high School: Principal or Assistant Principal
- A Teacher, Coach, or School Counselor
- Community Member – can include student’s employer, minister, another student, service provider, etc.

DEADLINE:

One copy of the completed, signed application packet must be received by **Wednesday, February 13, 2019**. Winner and finalists, if applicable, will be selected by April 12th and the individual nominating the student or the high school counselor will be notified by May 3rd. Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible and rejected.

SEND TO:

To send via email, scan your completed application, supporting materials, etc., **into a single PDF** and email to **MCGaward@ecacmail.org**. If you have not received an email confirmation within 3 business days, please contact Cheryl Strupe at 800-962-6817, ext. 314 *before application deadline.*

If sending via email is not possible, documents may be sent via USPS mail, FedEx, UPS or hand delivered to:

**Matthew C. Graziadei Scholarship Award
ECAC
907 Barra Row, Suites 102/103
Davidson, NC 28036**

2019 MATTHEW C. GRAZIADEI ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Application Form

Please complete online, type or print neatly. Thank you.

Student's Name:

Student's disability:

Age: Male: | Female: |

Address:

City: Zip:

Parent's Name:

Address:
(If different from student)

City: Zip:

Telephone Number:

Name of High School:

Address:

City: Zip:

Telephone Number:

School Principal:

School Counselor:

Date/Location of Awards Ceremony:

The student is receiving:

- Diploma:
 - Future Ready Course of Study
 - Occupational Course of Study
- Certificate of Graduation

The student spends the majority of the school day in:

- Regular setting
- Resource classroom
- Separate setting
- Separate building
- Other

Extracurricular activities: (use additional paper if needed)

Volunteer activities: (use additional paper if needed)

Future Plans: (use additional paper if needed)

Additional Comments: (use additional paper if needed)

Nominator's Name:

Role:

Phone:

Email Address: