

The TraRon Center
 The Jeremy “Jerry” Black Scholarship Fund
 2024 Scholarship for High School Seniors



The TraRon Center mission is to expose gun violence survivors to therapeutic modalities that may be absent from their current grieving and coping methods. With a focus on the inclusion of creative arts, we will equip survivors with strategies to healthfully endure the complexities of loss-while promoting community health and solidarity.

Purpose of the Scholarship Fund: The Jeremy “Jerry” Black Scholarship Fund at the TraRon Center honors Jerry Black whose life was taken prematurely due to gun violence.

Application: Students have the option of writing a 600-word essay or submitting a 3–5-minute video response to the essay questions.

Scholarship Amount: \$4,000 (\$2,000 per semester) to cover cost of tuition.

Application Deadline: May 10, 2024

Scholarship Criteria:

- ✚ High School seniors who have lost a loved one to gun violence.
- ✚ High School seniors who live in Wards 5, 7 and 8.
- ✚ High School seniors going to two- and four-year institutions of higher learning, including vocational and apprenticeship programs.
- ✚ Essay (see questions below)
- ✚ Recommendation Letter (can be from teacher, coach, mentor, clergy...)

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Applicant First Name:		Last Name:		Middle	
Home Address					
Ward:		Zip Code:			
Email:					
Phone #		School:			
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION					
Parent/Guardian Name:					
Parent/Guardian Email:					
Phone #:					
QUESTIONS					
List the top three colleges or trade schools you have applied to or have been accepted.					

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Student Statement-Essay (600 words maximum)			
<i>The essay response should address the three questions listed below.</i>			
1. Who did you lose to gun violence?			
2. What impact has their loss had on you and how has it shaped your decisions to pursue your higher learning goals?			
3. How will this scholarship help you financially, academically, and professionally?			
Student Statement-Essay			
The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate, and I understand that false statements on this application will disqualify me from the scholarship. Proof of completion of high school will be required for disbursement of funds.			
Applicant Signature:		Date:	

Essays and applications are to be submitted via email to info@traroncenter.org before 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2024. Please feel free to submit any questions via email to info@traroncenter.org.