

Jonathan Brown Memorial Award

Nomination Form

Background

Jonathan Brown was a remarkable young man whose resilience and strength were evident in every aspect of his life. Despite facing a challenging cancer diagnosis, the summer before his grade 12 year, he demonstrated unwavering perseverance and determination, enduring his challenging treatments, surgeries, and hospital stays while managing his studies. Jonathan not only excelled academically but also earned honours, a testament to his hard work and dedication. His exceptional achievements led to his acceptance into the prestigious Honours Math program at the University of Waterloo.

Beyond his academic pursuits, Jonathan found joy and solace in his passions. Whether on the ice playing hockey, enjoying the camaraderie of ultimate frisbee, or exploring the endless possibilities of Minecraft, he embraced life with enthusiasm and zest. His gentle and patient demeanor endeared him to all who knew him, while his quick wit and sense of humour brought laughter and light to even the most challenging moments.

Despite the immense challenges he faced, Jonathan never allowed anger or frustration to consume him. Instead, he faced his diagnosis with grace and courage, inspiring others with his resilience and optimism. His passing on October 15, 2021, left a void in the hearts of all who knew him, but his legacy of perseverance and kindness will forever endure, serving as a beacon of hope and inspiration to us all.

Award Criteria

1. The award will be given to a graduating student who has demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity. Preference will be given to a student who has faced health-related challenges such as cancer, chronic illness, personal injury, loss of a loved one. The successful student will have maintained academic endeavours throughout and despite challenges while demonstrating academic ambition for post-secondary education (all pathways). Preference will be given to students who maintained a minimum average grade of 65%.
2. Applicants are asked to submit a written one-page (approx. 500 word) response to the question: What have you learned about yourself during your time in high school?

Award Value

A cash award of \$1,500.00 will be sent to the recipient.