

2026
FINN BENTON
POPE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Background: The Finn Benton Pope Memorial Scholarship is open to all seniors in the Central Texas area who are graduating High School in 2025 and have received acceptance to an accredited college. The scholarship fund was established to honor the life of 11-month-old Finn Benton whose life, although short, was full of meaning. Finn’s tragic passing due to a brain aneurysm was turned into a miracle for 3 families when he was able to donate his organs and save 3 lives. Finn is a true hero.

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must be a graduating high school senior in Central Texas in the year 2026 and must be accepted to an accredited college.

Selection Criteria: Selection of recipients will be based on the applicants’ essays.
Scholarship Award: \$2,000, non-renewable. (3 scholarships will be awarded to represent the 3 lives Finn saved)

Application Procedure: Application must be received by April 1, 2026. Email application and essay to finnbentonpopescholarship@gmail.com . Application must include the following:

- Completed application (this paper) with signature
- Essay
- Proof of acceptance into an accredited college (picture or copy of acceptance letter will suffice)

Essay Topic: Write a persuasive essay convincing your audience to become organ donors. If you use outside sources, remember these must be cited in a works cited page. The essay should be no longer than 500 words. When submitting this essay, you give rights to the Finn Benton Pope Memorial Scholarship committee to post your words to help spread awareness on organ donation.

Name: _____ **High School:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Intended College:** _____

Application questions –email finnbentonpopescholarship@gmail.com