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Harrison Smith was a 22-year-old senior Economics major at Texas Christian University when a tragic accident took his life and that of his best friend. Harrison lived life with joy and passion. He was a kind person and a genuine friend to many. Certainly, among his biggest fans was his sister, Frances Ann. Harrison's gentle spirit and unconditional love formed the foundation for a relationship with his sister that surpassed that of the typical big-brother. Frances always knew that whenever she needed a friend, a companion or support in navigating life, Harrison would be there. The bond Frances shared with Harrison helped nurture her into the kind and confident woman she has become. The special relationship they shared stands as an example for others and immeasurably enriched their lives.

Siblings of persons with Down syndrome experience a unique and exceptional responsibility. Success is measured in confidence, laughter, happiness, acceptance and pure joy. The relationship Harrison cultivated with his sister was born of patience and love and helped fashion the qualities necessary for a fulfilling life.

The DSC of Greater Chattanooga is honored to offer the ***Harrison Stokes Smith Memorial Scholarship*** to a sibling of a child, adolescent or young adult with Down syndrome reminiscent of Harrison Smith in his/her relationship with their sibling. The \$1000 scholarship is intended for use with post-secondary school tuition expenses. Candidates should embody the character and enthusiasm of Harrison Smith and love and support their sibling in a manner that enhances their life experience. The board of directors will review all applications and along with a member of the Smith family, determine a winner.

Candidates who wish to apply for this scholarship should complete this application and submit a 500-word essay on how the relationship with their sibling impacts their life and the life of their sibling. Please include a short 300-500-word essay from a parent or immediate family member describing the relationship and its benefits to your sibling and, if possible, a short note from your sibling describing the importance of your relationship. Additional testimonies are welcome but not mandatory. We ask that you include a picture of you and your sibling. *(The picture becomes the property of DSCGC and may be used or reproduced for publicity regarding the scholarship)*

Please submit this form electronically to [grants@chattanoogadownsyndrome.org](mailto:grants@chattanoogadownsyndrome.org) or mail to DSCGC, P.O. Box 4891, Chattanooga, TN 37405. The submission deadline is July 31, 2023, with the scholarship check being awarded by September 1, 2023.

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## APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

College or University: \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Semester accepted for \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Bursar address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarships Awarded and Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your sibling and what makes he/she special and how your relationship impacts your life and that of your sibling. (500 words)

Please have a parent or immediate family member describe your relationship with your sibling and its impact on your sibling's life. (300-500 words)

If possible, have your sibling write a few words describing your relationship and its importance to him/her.