

2026

BRENDAN MELENDEZ Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship is to honor the memory of Brendan Melendez who was a dedicated Kroc Center lifeguard from 2013–2015. Brendan was a wonderful loving person who was a hard working college student at Eastern Washington University. Brendan was from Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Brendan suddenly died at the age of 20 just weeks shy of his 21st birthday in the summer of 2015. The goal of the scholarship fund is to give financial aid in the amount of \$1,000 per academic year to a Kroc Center lifeguard or other current Kroc employee who has a financial need and who exemplifies the true spirit of working with genuine care and compassion for Kroc members as Brendan did.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Kroc Aquatic Center Lifeguard or LG Lead (Full/PT status)
- Kroc Employee (Full/PT status)
- Male or female, single or married applicant.
- Currently enrolled or entering a university or college, in good standing with a university or college with a GPA of 2.5 or better. If entering from high school the student must have a diploma and a 3.2 GPA or better.
- Former or active military personnel applicants encouraged to apply with preference given.
- Age requirement of 17 or older.

SELECTION

- Eligible employees are asked to complete application and submit by Friday, April 10, 2026. Once submitted, the committee including Brendan’s parents, will review and select the recipient of the scholarship based on the quality and completion of the submitted application. The winner will be honored at the May 14, 2026 Reception.

REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or university/college transcript.
- Short statement how the scholarship will help the applicant achieve his or her goals.
- Simple financial statement as to the need for the scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the recipient. The applicant can apply annually for up to four academic years. The applicant must be an active working lifeguard or employee at The Kroc Center. The funds can be used for tuition, books, or supplies for any term during the awarded academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Candidates will submit a completed application form (FRONT & BACK) to the Kroc Aquatics Dept or email to stacy.barney@usw.salvationarmy.org by **Friday, April 10, 2026**.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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What are your plans to continue your education beyond high school? Include the name of the college, university or trade school you plan to attend, and your intended field of study (if known).

Attach a resume or describe how you meet the scholarship criteria and why you should be awarded this scholarship.

Please list two references.

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