



## The Jesse Melot Memorial Scholarship

Ele's Place is grateful to announce that we will be able to offer the second Jesse Melot Memorial Scholarship in the Spring of 2021 to a current or former participant or volunteer of Ele's Place Capital Region. The fund, started in 2019, provides an annual scholarship for advanced education to a volunteer or attendee of Ele's Place, a center for grieving children and their families. The fund honors Jesse Melot, who served as an Ele's Place volunteer for many years prior to his untimely death at age 37 in 2018.

The application to apply is attached or can be found on the Ele's Place website at <https://www.elesplace.org/about-us/capital-region/be-like-jesse/application>. Applications will be collected between now and April 16, 2021. Applications will be reviewed and the recipient of the award will be announced in mid-June.

Requirements to apply for this **\$10,000 scholarship** are:

- You must be a graduating senior, current college student, or nontraditional college attendee
- You must be a current or former Ele's Place participant or volunteer
- You must be attending or plan to attend an accredited College, University or Trade Program.
- Preference will be given to those students who plan to follow a course of studies in Social or Human Relations
- Preference will be given to those applicants who are first generation college attendees

To apply, please submit the attached application form, as well as a 300 word or less personal statement regarding why you are a good recipient for the Jesse Melot Memorial Scholarship. Applications may be delivered to Ele's Place or mailed to 1145 W. Oakland Ave. Lansing MI, 48915 or emailed to [ssanford@elesplace.org](mailto:ssanford@elesplace.org).

If you have questions regarding the scholarship, or the application process, do not hesitate to contact Sue Sanford at Ele's Place at [ssanford@elesplace.org](mailto:ssanford@elesplace.org).

Special thanks to Derek Melot and the donors of the Jesse Melot Memorial Scholarship for this generous support and opportunity.

### **Who was Jesse Melot?**

Jesse James (Sherman) Melot was born in Lansing in 1981 and spent his life as a proud resident of mid-Michigan. He lived his life in the service of others.

A graduate of Fulton High School and Siena Heights University, Jesse was never happier than when sharing laughter and music with friends and family. He played the violin as a youth and tinkered with the guitar as an adult. He led an active life, from varsity basketball, track and cross country for the Fulton Pirates to the completion in 2018 of the Crim Road Race in Flint and the Capital City River Run half-marathon in Lansing.

Jesse's life, though, was truly defined by his loving, generous spirit and his commitment to helping others. He never lacked for a smile, encouraging word or sympathetic ear for friend or teammate alike. He was a longtime volunteer at Ele's Place, working with grieving children and providing moral support to fellow volunteers whenever they needed encouragement. Though he had considered a career as a marine biologist, he found his way into the



insurance field, not surprisingly in the specialty of customer service. However, he never lost his intense love of planet earth and its many wonders. He would fill his camera and, later, his phone with sunsets, flowers and spectacular vistas from the many stops around the world.

Jesse was a true son of Michigan, reflected in his abiding interest in new cars and in spending quiet weekends on Michigan lakes big (Michigan, Huron) and otherwise (Charlevoix, Tubbs).

## **Jesse Melot Memorial Scholarship Fund**

### **-Application-**

The purpose of the Jesse Melot Memorial Scholarship Fund is to financially assist a student who is a former or current Ele's Place attendee or volunteer attending an accredited college, university or trade school in furthering his or her education, with a preference given to those students planning to study in the Human or Social Relations field and those who are first generation college attendees. Applicants may be graduating from high school, current higher education students, or non-traditional students choosing to enroll.

On a separate sheet of paper attach a statement of why you are applying for the Jesse Melot Memorial Scholarship. Please limit your statement to 300 words or less.

### **PART 1. GENERAL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PART 2. COLLEGE PLANS**

1. What college, university or trade school do you plan to apply to?
2. Have you applied? YES NO
3. Have you been admitted? YES NO
4. What course of study to you plan to pursue?
5. What is your occupational goal at this time?

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Your Signature

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Date