

JARED BYNUM SCHOLARSHIP

HISTORY

In 2009, Southside Baptist Church partnered with Julia Landon College Preparatory School to provide volunteer mentors for at-risk students. Jared Bynum and his wife Kelli were enthusiastic mentors in this program. An avid ironman triathlete, Jared was in training for his next event when he was tragically killed in a biking accident in 2012. Following his death, Kelli and his family established the Jared Bynum Scholarship Foundation to benefit Landon students who had participated in the mentoring program. Primary funding for the scholarships comes from the annual Mt. Acosta Classic, described below. Southside is a co-sponsor of the event and manages the scholarship fund.

MT. ACOSTA CLASSIC

The Mt. Acosta Classic was established in 2013 to raise funds for the Jared Bynum Scholarship. The Haskell Company, where Jared was employed, is Southside's co-sponsor in the event. The race involves walking, biking or running a 2.2-mile loop across the Acosta Bridge as many times as possible during a three-hour time frame. Marie McMaster, race director, friend and former co-worker of Jared, stated recently that "the best part of being involved [in this race] is getting the updates on the students who have benefited from the Foundation." ([The Resident newsletter, page 38, February 2018](#))

ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship is presented to a student who:

- (A) is a member of Southside and demonstrates financial need OR
- (B) has participated in Southside's mentoring program.

The student must have completed high school in four years and been accepted to an accredited college or university. Depending on the funds available, awards may be granted to more than one qualified student. Also depending on funds available, the scholarship may be renewable.

AWARDS

Applications are due by June 15 for the fall semester of study. The amount of the award varies depending upon funds available, number of qualified students, and costs associated with the college or university chosen. The funds are sent directly to the institution pending the candidate's acceptance and successful enrollment. Applications are approved by a committee consisting of the Senior Pastor, Bynum family, and any others as appointed by the Trustees.