

**IT IS EASIER TO  
BUILD STRONG  
CHILDREN THAN  
TO REPAIR  
BROKEN MEN.**

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## OUR MISSION

Assist students of Kansas City Catholic High Schools that bring new ideas to prevent drug use in the teenage community.

*Brian's Fund memorializes Brian F. Tarwater, who we lost September 2016 to opioid addiction.*

**SOME STUDENTS' STORIES START SO PROMISING AND THE EXPECTATIONS ARE THAT THE PERSON WILL SEEMINGLY ACHIEVE BEYOND ALL HOPES AND DREAMS THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY HAVE FOR THEM.**

Brian was certainly one of the most loved people that we all knew growing up. He excelled at people.

Brian was so very much fun and great to be around. He had that ability to make everyone laugh and pick everyone up around him. He was a star in the family and took great consideration with his faith. He always got so much out the retreats in school, probably because they brought faith and friends together.

He graduated in the top 10 of his high school class and went on to graduate cum laude at university. He was also elected social chairman at his fraternity. It seemed he had it all going for him.

Something happened to him. He ended up dead at 45. It was grueling for his friends and his family to watch him over the last decade of his life. We have a question, and it isn't "Why him," it's "Why."

**LET'S ALL WORK ON THE ANSWER TO THAT.**

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*We have partnered with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (GKCCF) to administer the Brian's Fund scholarship. A \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student entering a Kansas City Catholic high school. Below outlines the steps to apply for the scholarship.*

## STEP 1: CHECK ELIGIBILITY

Brian's Fund Scholarship will be awarded to an eighth grader who has been accepted at any of the Kansas City metro area Catholic high schools.

## STEP 2: THINK ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS

1. Tell us about yourself five years from now.
2. Tell us how your life may be different from the answer to the previous question if you were to try drugs?
3. In high school and beyond, how do you plan to never experiment with drugs? What specific strategies will you use?
4. What will you do if someone offers you drugs? How will you respond? (Be specific).
5. How will you use your faith or spirituality to help you never experiment with drugs?
6. How will you be a leader among your friends to help them never experiment with drugs?

## STEP 3: FILL OUT FORM AT BRIANSFUND.ORG

1. Fill out the application at [briansfund.org/scholarship-application/](https://briansfund.org/scholarship-application/).
2. Please plan on spending some time filling out the form, including answering the questions above. You may need your parents for some questions.

## STEP 4: NOTIFICATION

Recipients will be notified by May 1.

