The Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship
Established by the Zachary Michael Cruz Foundation
Administered in conjunction with the Transfer, Re-entry, and Student Parent Center at the University of California, Berkeley

ZACH’S BIOGRAPHY

The Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship was established in 2010 to honor Zachary Cruz, who was born on March 12, 2003 in Ventura, California. Zachary passed away unexpectedly on February 27, 2009, just two weeks before his 6th birthday, when he was hit in the crosswalk by a truck as he crossed the street at the intersection of Derby and Warring in Berkeley, California with his daycare teacher and three other children.

In his six years of life, Zachary grew into a truly remarkable person. He was articulate and funny; he was smart and curious; he was gentle, loving, and kind to everyone he met. An avid fan of all things “Cal,” Zach loved Golden Bear Football, Big Game Week, Oski the Bear, and the restaurants and cafes that surround the campus. He enjoyed the view from the Campanile, the dinosaurs at the Valley Life Science Building, and eating frozen yogurt on a warm afternoon near the fountain on Sproul Plaza.

Zachary was at the very beginning of what we truly believe would have been a remarkable academic career. An enthusiastic kindergartner, Zachary raised his hand with excitement each and every time his teacher asked a question. He was a loving sibling, who would sing and talk and help with his new brother, Miles, every day. He was curious and excited about the world, full of questions and insights that continually surprised us - questions about science, politics, sports, history, and technology. His favorite band was The Beatles. He was a t-ball player, a Dodgers fan, and he loved Legos, Star Wars, and Sponge Bob Squarepants.

Most of all, Zachary was a wonderful son, a constant source of pride, and an unending spring of love, encouragement, and affection. He is deeply missed and will never be forgotten. We hope Zachary’s joyful spirit of curiosity and his love of learning will continue to live on through students we support via the Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship.

Frank and Jodie Cruz
“Am I Eligible to Apply for the Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship?”

- Are you currently enrolled at UC Berkeley as an undergrad or graduate student?
  - NO
  - YES
    - Did you attend a public high school in any of the following California counties: Ventura, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, or San Mateo?
      - NO
      - YES
        - Are you a “Student Parent”? (Do you have one or more dependent children or a delivery due date concurrent with your period of enrollment at UC Berkeley?)
          - NO
          - YES
            - Did you transfer to UC Berkeley from a California community college?
              - NO
              - YES
                - You are eligible to apply for the Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship. Please download the application at http://trsp.berkeley.edu
              - NO
                - Unfortunately, you do not meet the eligibility requirements for the Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship.

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Purpose:
The Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship was created by the Cruz family to:

1) Preserve the memory of Zachary Michael Cruz,*
2) Reward excellence in public education,
3) Support the University’s commitment to access, equity, and inclusion at Berkeley, and
4) Give back to the communities of Ventura County and the San Francisco Bay Area, where the Cruz family was proud to raise their son.

*Visit the Zachary Michael Cruz Foundation to read more about how Zachary’s life inspired this scholarship at: http://www.zmcfoundation.org/zachary-and-education

Application Process:
The Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship is administered by the Transfer, Re-entry, and Student Parent Center at UC Berkeley and the Zachary Michael Cruz Foundation. Recipients are selected by a committee of UC Berkeley staff, faculty, and alumni. The scholarship(s) are awarded annually in the fall semester.

- **Application period:** November 1 – November 15
- **Applications must be received by:** 5:00pm, Friday November 15
- **Finalists interviews:** To Be Determined
  
*Note: finalists will be asked to provide copies of relevant transcripts to confirm the above information, if invited for an interview.*

Amount of the Award:

In 2013, the Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship will award more than one scholarship, for a combined total of $10,000 to at least two UC Berkeley students.
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Scholarship Application

Applicant’s Name: ___________________ Student ID: ___________________

Email: _______________________________ Phone #: ___________________

High School from which you graduated, if applicable:
(year graduated, name of high school and county)
__________________________________________________________________________

Community College from which you transferred, if applicable:
(year transferred, name of college and county)
__________________________________________________________________________

High School GPA (if entered Cal as freshmen): _____________________________

Community College GPA (if entered Cal as a transfer student): _________

Current Berkeley GPA: _________________________________________________

Number of semesters completed at Cal: _________________________________

Anticipated graduation date (semester/year): _____________________________

Major: __________________________________________________________________

Are you a student parent? Yes ☐ No ☐

Names and Ages of Children: _______________________________________________________________________

Essay Questions
*Please provide your responses on a separate sheet of paper and attach to your application. Each ANSWER should not exceed 400 words. Make sure to include your name and SID.

1) What experiences in your life have most influenced your academic journey?

2) What have you accomplished in the past, or are intending to accomplish in the future, that contributes to the well-being of others, in your family, your community, on the Cal campus or in the career field you plan to enter.

3) What are your educational goals? How will the Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship assist you in achieving your personal and academic aspirations?

SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ______________________

Submit completed application by email, fax, or mail to:

Email: studentparents@berkeley.edu  Fax: (510) 643-3593

Mail or in person: Attn: Zachary Cruz Memorial Scholarship, 100 Cesar Chavez Center, Berkeley, CA 94720-4260

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