

**RELAY HEROES TODAY LEADERS
TOMORROW PRESENTS:**

**FALL 2021
GABRIEL HATTON AVIATION
SCHOLARSHIP**

**WIN \$1,000 FOR MISD STUDENTS IN FINANCIAL
NEED INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CAREER OR
SCHOOL IN AVIATION
(HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR OR SENIOR)**

It should not surprise anyone who knew him that Gabriel "Skinny" Hatton was born seven weeks prematurely. He would spend the rest of his life eagerly pursuing the next adventure and ready for life's challenges, not waiting for them to come to him! At a very early age, Gabriel fell in love with aviation after flying with his Uncle Dan. It got in his blood and became a driving passion that would propel him to chase his dream of being a pilot.

Gabriel completed a four-year aviation program in high school through the McKinney ISD and joined an aviation club that would become his second family - Tango 31 out of Aero Country Airport in McKinney, TX. Through hard work, dedication, and the help of his mentor and Tango 31 Founder, Kevin Lacey, Gabriel's dream came to life!

At the age of 16, before many kids - including himself - even had a drivers' permit, Gabriel flew solo for the first time. He would continue to rack up flight hours, and on July 2nd of 2019, at the age of 17, he passed the written exam and his check ride to become a Private Pilot officially! Gabriel would find every possible excuse to get more hours and be in the cockpit. He LOVED to be in the air! By September of 2019, he had logged over 150 hours well on his way to his dream of an aviation career. As was often the case, one night in September, he was doing a friend a favor and flew them to Fayetteville, where they were attending college. After getting his friend home safely, Gabriel took to the sky one last time and tragically died in a plane crash on the return trip just a couple of months shy of his 18th birthday. His death left a crater-sized hole in the hearts of his beloved family and friends. However, his life continues to inspire those Gabriel left behind.

Gabriel had a brilliant mind, a fiery and passionate personality, and a deep love for family and friends. He was fiercely loyal and ready to defend his loved ones in an instant, and at the same time, prepared to challenge or rebuke them if he had an opposing idea or believed they were letting life beat them down. He taught himself to play the guitar, occasionally played on a worship team at church, was an incredible photographer, and loved to drive cars (a little too fast at times). Many of his friends tell stories about how "Gabe" (that's what they called him) would, relentlessly at times, encourage them to try new experiences, take risks, even start a business. His spirit and legacy live on, and the Hatton family have established a new mantra to inspire themselves and others to tackle life as he did...to live your life BIG, BOLD, and BRAVE!

Relay is honored to award a one-time nonrenewable scholarship in honor of Gabriel Hatton and his family. Relay believes in your potential and would love to see you flourish just as Gabriel did, living his life Big, Bold, and Brave!

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

Write a 500-word essay typed and double spaced with a 12-point font. The essay prompt is: Tell us how you plan to be big, bold, and brave in your educational goals? Your essay should include but is not limited to the following:

- ✎ Clear example(s) of you being big, bold, and brave
- ✎ What your educational goals are
- ✎ How do you plan to use the scholarship if you were to win?

Note: The essay will be judged based on originality, including all writing prompts, creativity, organization of thought, proper spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ✎ Essay length should be **500 (typed)** double-space words maximum (not including coverletter)
- ✎ Cover letter with clear contact information must be included (student name, current grade or school year, email, mailing address, phone number & preferred means of contact)
- ✎ A few sentences about yourself and a recent headshot photo of yourself will be used for publicity purposes on Relay's website and social media pages
- ✎ Proof that you are enrolled in an MISD school.
- ✎ Proof that you are a high school junior or senior.
- ✎ One letter of recommendation (must be from a supervisor, teacher, and or industry professional associated with the student, i.e., pastor, volunteer coordinator, community leader)

PLEASE ATTACH THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE TO AN EMAIL AND SEND THEM TO SCHOLARSHIP@RELAYHEROES.COM. SUBJECT LINE, WRITE "GABRIEL HATTON AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP ENTRY - (YOUR NAME)." DO NOT SHARE AS A LINK TO AN ONLINE DRIVE. ATTACH DOCUMENTS AS PDFS OR WORD.

DEADLINE TO ENTER

We will consider submissions of essays until the entry deadline, which is **Saturday, October 30th, 2021, at 5:00 pm CST.**
Late entries will not be accepted or reviewed.

Additional Information

Scholarship Awards Given

One time (non-renewable) \$1,000. Check made payable to school or program. Payments can be requested to be made to the student but will require additional verification and approval from the Executive Board of Directors at Relay. If the scholarship exceeds tuition or fees, a student can use other materials needed for education purposes. This scholarship applies towards the fall/spring 202 semester(s).

Eligibility

Any student that is enrolled in 11th, 12th grade in MISD. Students interested in aviation need to apply! Someone in Financial need, someone with love for aviation or looking to pursue aviation.

Winners Announced

The scholarship will be awarded to the recipient at a time designated by the Hatton family in November 2021. After the winner is notified and the scholarship has been accepted, all announcements will be made on Relay's website and social media pages.

Accepting the Scholarship Award

Once an entrant is notified of winning, the entrant has **three days** to respond and accept the scholarship award. If the selected winner does not respond within the allotted time, another winner will be chosen.

Once the winners are announced, awards have been accepted, and valid mailing addresses have been confirmed, Relay will mail the check or send electronic funds.

Follow up

The scholarship winner is required to send a follow-up to thank you letter to the Board of Relay no later than November 29th, 2021. If a letter is not received, this will forfeit the ability to apply for future Relay scholarship opportunities.

Final Notes

We will only use the information and images provided of winners on Relay's website, publications, or social media pages in association with the scholarship essay contest. We will not use your contact information to send you spam advertising messages or sell them to other advertisers. Absolutely no costs or fees are required for eligibility. Always beware of scholarships that require fees.

About Relay: Heroes Today Leaders Tomorrow

Relay HTLT is a nonprofit dedicated to empowering individuals to pursue higher education and financial literacy. Our passion is to connect individuals to the tools, resources, and knowledge that they need to achieve their dreams. We provide financial literacy support to the DFW community through year-round programming (Ambassadors, Relay Hope, Adopt-A-Park), workshops, and one-on-one mentoring.

A COMPLETE APPLICATION CONTAINS:

- Cover letter with clear contact information must be included (student name, current grade or school year, email, mailing address, phone number & preferred means of contact)
- Typed 500-word maximum Essay
- Proof MISD enrollment and proof of junior or senior status
- Proof of plans to attend or currently enrolled in Aviation program
- Proof of financial need (i.e. bill, FAFSA EFC, or another doc.)
- One letter of recommendation
- Recent headshot photo of student