

***The Darren Lajaunie 2019  
Dobie HS Tennis Scholarship Award  
Teacher Recommendation***

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***To the applicant:***

Please submit this form to your teacher to complete.

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

***To the Teacher:***

The student whose name appears above has applied for the Darren Lajaunie Dobie HS Tennis Scholarship. The winning applicant will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Darren Lajaunie Scholarship Fund to attend the college of their choice.

Darren was a devoted husband and father and a 1984 Co-Valedictorian from J. Frank Dobie HS. He was a dedicated engineer for Lockheed Martin at the Johnson Space Center with a compelling passion for the game of tennis.

Darren began his tennis career playing tennis at J. Frank Dobie High. Darren graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1988. At the UT Tennis Club, Darren won the 1988 Spring Open Champion Men's "B" Singles title. At the Bay Area Racquet Club (BARC), Darren was the Men's 3.5 Singles Champion July 2010, and Men's 4.0 Singles Champion in August, 2010. In September at the Bay Area Racquet Club (BARC) he was a Finalist in the Men's 4.5 Singles Championship game.

Darren was diagnosed with Melanoma cancer in October 2009 and while enduring many clinical trials and chemo treatments, continued to play tennis and worked until his death in May 2011. Darren was the epitome of leadership, sportsmanship, courage, dignity, strength and had the heart of a true tennis champion.

The applicant will be evaluated on the basis of academic abilities, character, and service demonstrated to his/her school and community; in addition to the aforementioned qualities that Darren Lajaunie exhibited in his lifetime

All information submitted is confidential and will ONLY be reviewed by the Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Selection Committee.

***Teacher's Name*** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the applicant attended your school? \_\_\_\_\_

1) Why should we consider this applicant for this scholarship?

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2) What are the academic strengths of this student? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3) What qualities of Darren Lajaunie (previously mentioned) did the applicant exhibit to you, under your teaching experience?  
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Please rate the candidate with a check mark using the evaluation scale on the following basis:

	<u>Exceeds Expectations</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below Expectations</u>
Maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____
Integrity	_____	_____	_____	_____
Conduct	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-Motivated	_____	_____	_____	_____
Listening Skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Effort and drive	_____	_____	_____	_____
Concentration	_____	_____	_____	_____
Study habits	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work with others	_____	_____	_____	_____
Participates with enthusiasm	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Teacher's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*This form MUST be submitted in a school envelope with **your signature** across the back seal to **The Darren Lajaunie Dobie HS Tennis Scholarship Fund** and submitted to **Denice Smajstrla** in the Counselor's office at school **by Friday, March 29, 2019**. A Parent and/or student may NOT hand deliver this form. If you have any questions please e-mail them to Camille Lajaunie at [cjlajaunie@gmail.com](mailto:cjlajaunie@gmail.com).*

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*Thank you for your help in this process.*