



# The Darren Lajaunie 2023 GRAND SLAM Scholarship Teacher Recommendation

## **To the applicant:**

*Please submit this form to your teacher to complete.*

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

School now attending \_\_\_\_\_

## **To the Teacher**

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

Darren was a devoted husband and father. 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 School in Houston and graduated Co-Valedictorian in 1984. At the University of Texas Tennis Club, Darren won the 1988 Spring Open Champion Men's "B" Singles title. At the Bay Area Racquet Club (BARC) in Houston, Darren was the Men's 3.5 Singles Champion July 2010, and Men's 4.0 Singles Champion in August, 2010. In September at BARC he was a Finalist in the Men's 4.5 Singles Championship game. Darren graduated from UT with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1988.

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

**The applicant is NOT allowed to see your response and we ask that you mail this form in a school envelope with your signature across the back seal of the envelope to the Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship office, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, TX 77059.** 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 the Grand Slam scholarship?

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2) What are the academic strengths of this student? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3) What qualities of Darren Lajaunie (listed above) 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**

**Teacher:** **This form MUST be submitted/postmarked in a school envelope with your signature** across the back seal of the envelope to **The Darren Lajaunie Grand Slam Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, TX 77059 by Friday, April 7, 2023.** If you have any questions please e-mail them to Camille Lajaunie at [cjlajaunie@gmail.com](mailto:cjlajaunie@gmail.com) or call 832-434-6933.  
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*Thank you for your help in this process.*