## The Jason "Bones" LeBlanc Scholarship

Jason J. LeBlanc (8/13/77-7/2/09) Abraham Lincoln once said, "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." In his short time with us, Jason "Bones" LeBlanc's sense of humor, loyalty, and genuine kindness touched many people, affecting their lives in profound and meaningful ways.

Jason was the kind of young man who would do anything for a friend and was especially loyal to "Salem kids." He knew just about everyone in the City of Salem, and they knew him. But they knew him as "Bones," a nickname he earned while playing basketball in the Collins Cove neighborhood as a tall, lanky young boy. The nickname – and the tall, lanky stature - stayed with Jason for his entire life.

Jason graduated from Salem High School in 1995 where he had made a particularly strong impression on the soccer field. At Salem High, he was also quite popular among students and faculty alike – they enjoyed and appreciated his sincerity, school spirit, fun-loving personality and honesty.

Jason "Bones" LeBlanc passed away on July 2, 2009 after a battle with alcohol and drugs that he fought during the last few years of his life.

His friends and family created the Jason "Bones" LeBlanc Scholarship to help provide a pathway to help underprivileged Salem High School students achieve success. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually, to a Salem High School student or the child of a Salem High School alumni demonstrating scholastic or vocational potential, characteristics of personal integrity, and a genuine will to succeed.



Please provide the following to melanie@iswmcharity.com by April 21, 2024

- 1. College/vocational program planning to attend
- 2. Transcript
- 3. List of community activities/community service 4. Story: What sort of adversity have you overcome? (Typed, at least one page)