

## Tyler Brown Scholarship Essay

Tyler Brown is a person that many people strive to become even a fraction of. At Woodward, he represented the motto Excellence, Character, and Opportunity in everything he did—he was the senior class president and an involved student in the community. At Georgia Tech, he pursued his academic curiosity and earned two, four-year degrees while also managing to be an involved fraternity member and the student body president. After graduating, Tyler served our country in Iraq, embodying the true ideal of service. Tyler made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and he built himself a lasting legacy. He took advantage of every opportunity to better himself. People remember Tyler Brown as a confident young man who radiated positivity to everyone around him. Simply stated, Tyler Brown embodies the quintessential figure that every person aspires to become throughout their lifetime.

Similar to Tyler Brown, I deeply value academic curiosity, achievement, and service. Ever since I entered the Upper School in 9th grade, I see the building “Tyler Brown Student Center” while walking between classes every day. As teachers and faculty often offer praising words of Tyler Brown, I connected the name on the building to the principles and character I had developed at Woodward. Since the ninth grade, I have taken the most rigorous courses offered by the school. As a senior, I am taking all AP classes, pursuing my intellectual interests like Mandarin, Physics, and Statistics. While I excel in these difficult classes, I still manage to maintain a balanced lifestyle. For the past 3 years, I have ran cross country and track, earning a varsity letter in both sports. For the past 8 years, I have been playing the violin at an advanced level. Equally important, I have been committing myself more and more to service at Woodward and in the community.

The pursuit to develop Tyler Brown’s great character is a fulfilling, everlasting goal. As I make tiny steps toward achieving that goal, I believe that I am a worthy recipient of the Tyler Brown Scholarship.

## Service Involvement

I have served Woodward and the community in many ways. In the 10th and 11th grade, I sporadically donated my lunchtime to participate in Blessings in a Backpack or to tutor at Mainstreet Academy. At Blessings in a Backpack, I packed sack lunches for food-insecure elementary children to eat over the weekend. At Mainstreet Academy, I tutored elementary children in reading and math. In the summer of 10th grade, I volunteered my first summer at Horizons Atlanta, a Woodward Academy-sponsored summer program that provides educational and exciting experiences for underprivileged kids in the surrounding College Park area. I volunteered every day for 3 weeks at this program, where I helped 3rd graders read, swim, sing, and eat lunch properly along with many other tasks. Because I had such a fulfilling experience, I volunteered another 3 weeks at Horizons Atlanta over the following summer. I plan on volunteering again this upcoming summer. Furthermore, in the 12th grade, I became a member of the Service Leadership Board, a group of around 35 upperclassmen who develop all the service projects in the Upper School. As a member, I have made significant contributions. After Hurricane Harvey struck, I developed a fundraiser to help the victims in Texas and Louisiana. I raised money at Woodward football games and through video advertisements. After a couple weeks of fundraising, I raised around \$6,500. Moreover, I played a major role in the fundraising effort for the Terranova School through selling carnations for Valentine's Day. A small group of service members and I worked many hours for two weeks selling and organizing the carnations to be delivered on February 14. We doubled the amount of sales from the previous year and raised over \$4,000. Lastly, Senior Pen Pals is one of my main projects as a Service Leader. As part of the project, I help foster communication between students in the Woodward Academy Primary School and seniors in the Upper School. I help develop and organize the letters and drawings that the young children and the seniors exchange with each other. At the end of the year, seniors will get to officially meet their young pen pals on Field Day.