



Joseph Thomas Bryant Memorial Scholarship

Every six months, we will be offering a scholarship for EBLI training. To be considered for this award, applicants must submit a one-page essay explaining why they wish to be trained in EBLI and how they plan to use the strategies to impact the lives of children they teach. Essays will be read by Joseph's parents, Joyce and Mark Bryant, as well as by EBLI and Ounce of Prevention staff.

Scholarships will be awarded twice yearly. Essays are due on or before the first day of January and July of each year (beginning 1/06). The first scholarship recipient will be Joseph's mom, Joyce.

History

Joseph Bryant, a vibrant and positive ten year-old from Eggleston, Virginia, came to Ounce of Prevention Reading Center early in September, 2005. While visiting relatives in Michigan, Joseph and his mom were referred to Ounce of Prevention by his cousin, Matt Kuchar. Joseph's mom, Joyce, home schooled all nine of her children and Joseph had been struggling with reading. OOP staff members were immediately captivated with Joseph's bright face, delightful personality, intelligence, and eagerness to learn. A one-hour session expanded into four hours over the course of the day, as a result of Joseph's enthusiasm and progress. Joyce was so enthralled with her son's gains that she signed up to come back and receive EBLI training in October.

On the way back to his aunt's house, Joseph shared with his mom that he was so excited because he knew his life would be much better and easier as a result of what he had learned. The following evening, a tragic explosion claimed the lives of Joseph and five of his siblings. This scholarship is a tribute to Joseph to honor and celebrate his life and continue the impact of promoting good in his name.

When Joyce learned of the scholarship in Joseph's honor, she replied, "I know that Joseph is jumping up and down and clapping his hands in heaven knowing that other kids are going to be helped because of him."

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