

# BRETT E. BLANCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED IN 2019-2020 TO AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN  
PHILOSOPHY

**Brett Eyre Blanch** – Brett was born May 2, 1977, in El Paso, Texas, to Joseph Paul Blanch and Vicki Rae Eyre Blanch. He attended Logan city schools and graduated from Logan High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society, and LDS Seminary in 1995.



Brett graduated magna cum laude from Utah State University in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. In 2001 he began his master's program at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. He had completed his course work, was finishing up his thesis and would have received his degree on May 10, 2003.

Brett was a kind, loving, gentle young man who cared deeply about others, never judged anyone and tried hard to serve and help everyone. He was a perfect example of "bearing one another's burdens." He was bright and funny and was a "best friend" to many. He was a teaching fellow and had found great satisfaction and joy in teaching. He once told his mother, "I think I'd love being a teacher even if they had me teaching cooking!" He was deeply loved by his family and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Applicants must be an academic major in Philosophy and at least one semester away from graduation.
- Applicant's record must show minimum of 9 upper division credits toward a Philosophy major taken at USU.
- Applicants must have a 3.5 or higher grade point average in the major.
- Recipients must take at least one upper division class in their major and exhibit satisfactory progress toward the degree during each semester of their senior year.

## **Award Criteria:**

- Grade point average in the major
- Overall grade point average
- Breadth of education
- Intellectual potential
- Finalists may be invited to an interview with the scholarship committee.
- Preference will be given to applicants who intend to use their degree in a career that involves teaching or public service.

*If, in the view of the scholarship committee, there is no truly outstanding applicant, then the scholarship will be withheld.*

## **Essay Requirements:**

Applicants must attach an one-page, typed, double-spaced essay to this application. The essay should address the following questions:

1. What is the value of philosophy?
2. Why should philosophy be studied?
3. What do you intend to do with your undergraduate philosophy degree?

***Deadline for submitting application: February 22, 2019***

***Award letters will be mailed: March 15, 2019***

## **Contact Information**

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