

Chris J. Clark Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship was established in the spring of 2023 by his wife, Sandy, son Luke, and daughter Olivia, along with other family and dear friends. Chris passed away suddenly on Thanksgiving morning 2022. Chris was a lifelong resident of Decatur, and he graduated from Decatur High School and East Central Community College where he excelled in baseball, basketball, and golf. He continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Business. At the time of his death, he was a Workforce Development Coordinator and Golf Coach at East Central. Chris and his family were charter members of Decatur Country Club where he spent many hours of his life playing the game of golf which he loved. He was always ready to play golf anywhere and at any time. He followed his dad, Joe Clark, as the Golf Coach at ECCC until his death.

Chris enjoyed participating in many sports, and he received numerous awards while in high school and college. He was extremely competitive in whatever he was playing, but most importantly Chris wanted everybody to know about Jesus, and he shared his faith everywhere he went. He was a man after God's own heart and lived his life ready to meet Jesus. Chris was a life-long member of Clarke Venable Baptist Church, a Deacon, and 3rd and 4th grade boys Sunday School teacher for many years.

The Chris J. Clark Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually. To be eligible, a candidate must:

- Enroll as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester of his/her sophomore year;
- Be an upcoming full-time sophomore with Christian moral standards;
- Have a passion for sports and competitiveness, preferably someone who loves golf;
- Be a Business or Nursing major; and
- Have earned a minimum 3.0 GPA as a freshman student.

The amount of the scholarship award will be based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. No part of the corpus may be used for scholarship awards. Only the interest earned on the endowment corpus will be used for the scholarship award. There will be no refund to the student for money not used to fund his/her education at ECCC. In the event a scholarship is not awarded in any year, the interest that would have been used to fund the scholarship will be deposited in the scholarship endowment.