

Lutsen 99er  
Personal Challenge Award

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Yes, I am interested in interviewing for this award

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact information \_\_\_\_\_

In **one** sentence, please describe below in hand-written form, your challenge and what you are doing about it. ***All applicant information remains confidential.***

In **one** sentence, please describe why you are the best candidate for this award.

Return this page to the office in an enclosed and sealed envelope labeled "Lutsen 99er Award".

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**Scholarship Amount:** \$1,000  
**Presented by:** Lutsen 99er Event Crew

**Deadline: Return page 2 to counselor's office or high school office by April 9, 2024 – 3 pm**

### **Applicant's baseline requirements:**

- A graduating CCHS senior who has attended CCHS full time in grades 10-12
- Includes those **currently** enrolled in a post-secondary institution and /or have studied abroad
- US citizen or permanent resident
- Pursuing post-secondary education of any kind in same calendar year as CCHS graduation
- Post-secondary education must be on a full-time student status basis

### **Background:**

The Lutsen 99er is a bike race that possesses significant challenges in order for a participant to complete the race. Preparing for the race takes months of dedicated practice to meet the challenge and to accomplish the goal of finishing the race (whether the 19 mile, 39, 69 or 99 mile event). Once on the race course, the challenges often feel overwhelming; a racer wants to quit but knows quitting is not an option. It's not just being physically prepared for the event; a participant needs to be mentally tough as well. Metaphorically, life is like the 99er. It's tough, it can be complicated, full of steep climbs and curves. Sometimes a racer just wants to give up, but abandoning the race is not an option.

### **Award Process:**

1. If you are interested in applying for this award, please complete the form attached.
2. No written essay is required

Be prepared for a 10-15 minute interview with past participants of the 99er and former CCHS alumni and/or staff. You will start the interview by describing a challenge in your life that you have overcome or a challenge in life that you are currently facing and/or working on. You will articulate how this has impacted your life and how you believe your challenge will play-out in the future. Be prepared to address additional questions from the interview panel members as well.

### **Distribution of funds:**

The award amount will be distributed to the institution upon completion of your first semester of post-secondary education showing passing grades and without any probationary status combined with full-time equivalent enrollment for the second semester. The award check will be made payable to the contest winner through the post-secondary institution.