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GOODWILL OF NORTH FLORIDA EXPANDS ADAM THAYER SCHOLARSHIP TO SERVE ALL MAJORS; ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL APRIL 15

JACKSONVILLE, FL (April 4, 2022) - Goodwill of North Florida announced today that it is expanding the Adam Thayer Scholarship – established last year as the Adam Thayer Tech Scholarship –to all majors, not just those pursuing IT degrees. Applications for the \$5,000 scholarship are being accepted through April 15, 2022.

The scholarship was created to honor the life of Adam Thayer, Goodwill's IT Director, and son of former Goodwill CEO Bob Thayer, who passed away unexpectedly in 2019.

Applicants are required to write an essay about the importance of community service. Applicants must be a current Goodwill employee or a graduating high school senior who intends to continue their education. Consideration will be given to academic achievement, financial need and the student's community service record.

The inaugural recipient, Ellis Rainey of St. Augustine is currently studying IT at Florida State University, in Tallahassee.

"We're looking for applicants who are focused on service and a willingness to help others and give back the community," said David Rey, CEO of Goodwill of North Florida. "Adam was very passionate about giving back to the community where you live. We know Adam would be proud to help students that possess a charitable spirit cover some of their college expenses."

The Adam Thayer Tech Scholarship will be awarded to one student by early summer. For more information and an application, please visit [The Adam Thayer Scholarship | Goodwill of North Florida \(goodwilljax.org\)](https://www.goodwilljax.org) .

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