

CRITERIA

The Ryan Legacy Scholarship

PURPOSE:

Melanie Ryan was an incredible mother, wife, friend, and nurse for almost 30 years. Her kindness, generosity, and compassion will be remembered forever by those who had the honor to know and love her. She lost a long battle against metastatic breast cancer in June of 2024. Her husband Tom was the love of her life and also an incredibly kind and caring husband, father, manager and friend. He lost his short battle against Hodgkins Lymphoma in November of 2022. This scholarship will aim to remember this beautiful couple by assisting graduating high school seniors and current college students in pursuing a college degree. Preference will be given to student athletes in memory of Tom's love of sports and students pursuing a healthcare related degree in memory of Melanie's incredible nursing skills and heart.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF FUND

The Community Foundation of Carroll County will transmit checks made payable to the College, University or Technical School on or about July 1 of each year. The transfer will be in accordance with applicable regulations and laws governing such scholarships.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD

- A. The chosen recipient(s) will be selected in accordance with the selection criteria identified in this document and the Scholarship Fund Agreement.
- B. The Community Foundation of Carroll County shall administer the program in a prudent financial manner.
- C. The Community Foundation of Carroll County shall submit an annual financial report to the Donors.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA:

- A. A scholarship will be awarded each year to applicant(s) who meets the following criteria:
 - Current year graduating high school senior or continuing college student
 - Pursuing a healthcare major and/or is a college athlete
 - The applicant shall have been accepted at or attending an accredited College, University or Technical School.
 - Has a GPA of 2.5 or higher (unweighted)
 - Applicant shall submit a letter of recommendation from a non-family member.

- Applicant shall submit a 500-word essay: What made you pick your major, and how will you use this degree to help others?

B. The administration of the scholarship shall be as follows:

- The recipient shall be nominated by the Scholarship Committee of the Ryan Legacy Scholarship and approved by the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Carroll County. Donor reserves the right to present the scholarship to the successful applicant(s).
- The Community Foundation of Carroll County will provide the Scholarship Committee of Ryan Legacy Scholarship with nominations.
- All income generated from the Scholarship Fund shall be used for the scholarship award.
- The amount and number of the awards may vary based upon the earnings of the Fund.
- The money shall be transmitted by the Community Foundation of Carroll County directly to the College, University or Technical School and applied directly to the student's account. The monies shall not be remitted to the scholarship winner directly. If a student does not enter school or having entered, drops out, the scholarship grant or part thereof refunded shall revert to the Scholarship Fund.
- The Community Foundation of Carroll County in conjunction with the Scholarship Committee of the Ryan Legacy Scholarship will determine the application process.



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