

## **Rocco Rossini Memorial Scholarship**



### **Scholarship Mission Statement:**

On New Year's Day, 2016, Rocco Rossini passed away from injuries sustained from an ATV four wheeling accident. He was only 9 years old, but within those 9 years he made an incredible impact on anybody that met him. Rocco was an adventurous little boy who loved the outdoors and all the activities it offered. He loved to fish, four-wheel, snow ski, water tubing and practice skeet shoot. Rocco was also very talented in athletics and had a competitive nature who did not back down from a challenge. His favorite sports were baseball and flag football. Throughout the sports field and playground at school he displayed a natural ability to be a leader. He brought kids together and supported them with encouragement. He also stood up for the ones that couldn't and was always eager to help his peers. He systematically organized recess activities- showing his incredible character of compassion and the ability to unify large groups. Schooling was a task because of his endless amounts of energy, but he loved a challenge and used his negotiating skills to lead him to his academic success. The scholarship candidate should exemplify the character traits of Rocco Rossini.

### **Description and Parameters of the scholarship:**

1. Each year the scholarship fund will offer either one or two scholarship awards to students who show they are the most qualified based on the scholarship application requirements given below. This scholarship is open to all high school seniors of any gender, race, religious belief and creed who are interested in furthering their higher education goals or trade skill level. The scholarship applicant must be a student of the Clovis Unified School District High Schools in Fresno County and a citizen of the United States of America.
2. The amount of scholarship funds offered to high school seniors will be a one time payment that will vary between \$500 and \$2,000 and is limited to high school seniors applying for institutions of higher education.
3. Applicants who are granted the scholarship may reapply for a second term of this scholarship award, that is similar to that given to high school seniors in "1" above, up to three years of higher education. Applicants must provide a 300 word essay which describes how they are accomplishing their educational goals that they set out for themselves,

their higher education experience and what they plan to do after completing their education. Applicants must attach a copy of their academic transcripts for their last two semesters/quarter of their higher education.

4. Upon proof of registration and enrollment into a class schedule of the applicants' higher education and or trade school, the designated funds will be released to the applicant.
5. Grantors of the scholarship may request an interview and or additional information to help determine the most qualified applicant for the scholarship.
6. Scholarship applications will be accepted between April 1<sup>st</sup> May 25<sup>th</sup> of 2018. Please email the application to : [RoccasMemorialScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:RoccasMemorialScholarship@gmail.com) in the subject line enter: RR Memorial Scholarship Application. You will receive a response that your application has been received. If you do not you, please refer to your counselor.
7. The scholarship fund trustee will review all scholarship applications the last week of May and the student(s) that will be awarded the scholarship will be notified by mail May 31<sup>st</sup> of their award.

#### **Application Requirements:**

1. Applicant must have applied to one or more institutions of higher education.
2. Applicant must have a grade point average of 2.8 and above upon the application date.
3. Applicant must provide a cover page that states the following:
  - a. Name;
  - b. Age;
  - c. Mailing address and phone number;
  - d. High School they are graduating from;
  - e. Institutions of higher education applied to; and
  - f. The words "Application for Rocco Rossini Memorial Scholarship" in Times New Roman, Font size 24 at the top of the page.
4. Applicant must submit an essay (minimum of 300 words with a cover page ) that addresses the following:
  - a. Character traits necessary to succeed?
  - b. Why is character important?
  - c. Your future educational plans (college, major, trade-school, ambitions).
5. The following must be attached to this application:
  - a. A complete copy of your High school Scholarship Portfolio; and
  - b. A copy of your spring junior year and fall senior year transcript.