



RYAN M. ADAMS

Memorial Scholarship

2018 Application

Connecticut boys who are current high school seniors or who graduated from high school in 2015 (Ryan's graduation year) or later and who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout are eligible to apply. Please type your responses. Hand-written or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Responses can be as long or short as you deem appropriate.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Year of Birth: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Troop # _____

Scoutmaster: _____

Scoutmaster phone: _____ Scoutmaster e-mail: _____

Date of Eagle Scout Award _____ Age at time of earning Eagle Scout Award _____

Post high school graduation plans:

Date of anticipated college graduation (if applicable):

Name / Town of high school:

Date of high school graduation: _____

Signature:

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Staple here a recent photo of yourself with your name printed on the back of it. (Photos will not be returned.)

This scholarship is in honor of Ryan Michael Adams. Ryan earned his Eagle Scout Award in May 2011 at the age of thirteen. He went on to earn four Eagle Palm Awards and the Pope Pius XII and Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem Awards. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow and was elected the Crew Chaplain for his Philmont trek. Ryan was an active leader in his troop, Ridgefield Troop 76, serving as the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (seven terms), Troop Guide (two terms) and Patrol Leader. He was nominated for and attended the Youth Leadership Conference in January 2012 and earned the Year-Round Camper Award in September 2009.

In the spring of 2015, Ryan was named the Connecticut American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year and the Connecticut VFW Scout of the Year. He was a Boys State Delegate in 2014, elected Boys' State Treasurer, received the Stempick Award for outstanding boy in his town, returned to Boys State in 2015 as a Junior Leader, and was the CFO of the Connecticut Boys and Girls State Foundation.

Ryan was a skilled outdoorsman, was proficient at knot tying, backpacking, and camping, and enjoyed sailing, scuba diving, skiing, rock climbing, surfing, golf and squash. Ryan demonstrated high academic standards and had a genuine love of learning. He was interested in studying economics and international relations in college. He was a voracious reader, particularly about World War II and Finance.

Above all else, Ryan epitomized the Boy Scout motto. Ryan was a kind, thoughtful, considerate and respectful boy. He truly cared about other people and put them above himself. He lived by the Golden Rule in every aspect of his life whether it was teaching a special needs scout how to tie knots, doing numerous hours of community service or performing everyday acts of kindness.

Sadly, Ryan was the innocent passenger in a tragic plane crash that stole his life on September 20, 2015, seven days after his eighteenth birthday. He had started his freshman year at Colgate University four weeks earlier and had graduated from St. Luke's School in New Canaan the preceding June. His parents and sister are heartbroken and miss Ryan very much.

This scholarship will be awarded to the Eagle Scout who best exemplifies the type of person, scout and student Ryan was.

- 1) Explain why you should be selected as a recipient of the Ryan M. Adams Memorial Scholarship.

2) List leadership positions held in Scouting and dates.

3) List Scouting awards received.

4) Describe your Eagle Scout Project, including why you chose the project. Attach pictures or other information as appropriate.

5) High School GPA ____ / Scale ____

College GPA (if applicable) ____ / Scale ____

6) Describe yourself as a student.

7) What is important to you?

8) Describe any other organizations, activities, positions held, length of service, awards received or any other information that you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider.

Press Release Waiver

In the event of your selection as a scholarship recipient, we will be issuing a press release to the national media. To do this, we need your permission. Your decision, in no way, affects our selection process.

I, _____, give permission to the Connecticut Yankee Council to release my name and photograph for the purpose of recognizing my award of a Ryan M. Adams Memorial Scholarship.

By this authorization, I understand and agree that no recipient shall receive remuneration and that all rights, title and interest to the photos and/or text and their use belongs to the Connecticut Yankee Council.

I also understand that members of the press may request interviews with recipients, and that the recipients have the right to decline such interviews. This agreement is in effect until December 31st of the scholarship award year.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old)

Name and Address of Your Local Newspaper (if available):

Application Package Checklist

- 1. Complete application and mail to CYC. Application must be typed.
- 2. Staple a photograph of yourself to the front of the application.
- 3. Three signed letters of recommendation must be mailed directly to CYC.
 - One from your Scout unit
 - One from your school
 - One from your community
- 4. An official high school and college (if applicable) transcript must be sent directly to CYC.
- 5. Applicants may be invited to interview in person.
- 6. All parts of the application package must be postmarked by July 1, 2018. Application package must be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

All application materials should be mailed to:

Connecticut Yankee Council
Attn: Ryan M. Adams Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 32
Milford, Connecticut 06460

Recipients will be notified on September 13th, Ryan's birthday.