

# ADAM RYAN HOWARD

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

*John 15:13*



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Adam Ryan Howard was born on January 8, 1987 to Ted and Gail Howard. He had a younger sister named Allison Howard. Their home is in Deep Run, NC. Adam was a unique and very special creation of God. Little did any of us know just how brief our time with him would be. With pride and admiration we watched this precious child grow to become the finest of young men.

Adam possessed a lot of wisdom and a call to service. He was aware of his life and how he wanted to affect the world -- and affect the world he did. God built into Adam many qualities of Himself. Adam was always looking for opportunities to use these special qualities, and was happiest when he was helping others. It was amazing to watch Adam as he discovered and perfected the talents and skills he was blessed with. These talents and skills were magnified in all areas of his life and truly made a difference in the lives of so many people. We all find ourselves wanting to be more like Adam. He continues to be an inspiration and a role model for the young and old alike.

At the age of 14, Adam joined the Deep Run Volunteer Fire Department as a junior fireman. He truly had the desire to serve his community in this manner. Always anxious to learn, he went to every fire class that he had an opportunity to attend. By the summer of 2008, he already had earned over 120 training hours – well beyond the required 36 hours per year. And at the early age of 20, he earned the position of Captain. He eagerly accepted this position and earned the respect of his colleagues – even as a young man.

Adam's character was made of qualities that are earned mostly by older men. He was made of respect, loyalty, eagerness, humility and concern for others. His desire to help others made him one of the early responders to every call. He was usually first or second to respond most calls – even though he lived a mile away from the station. However he never boasted of his work or desired recognition. Adam touched our lives in ways that is difficult for the average person to comprehend. He is so deeply loved by many. This love and respect is based on the kind of person Adam was and the beautiful life he led.

To sum it all up, Adam's favorite Bible verse is John 15:13. This is a reflection of the life that he lived. Even though Adam lived life to the fullest, always trying to better himself, he was always willing to put the needs of others before his own. His favorite Bible verse exemplifies the life that he lived.

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On September 13, 2008 Adam tragically lost his life in a skydiving accident. This was just another challenge in life that he wanted to experience. This scholarship fund was created in his memory out of love from his family, friends and community. It is a living testament to his dedication, faith and service to God and his community. Hopefully the recipients of this scholarship will have a better understanding of Adam's life and we hope that in some small way this will impact your walk in life as well.

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Criteria for selection

1. The recipient must be a member of a Lenoir County volunteer fire department or a member of a fire department that is a member of the Lenoir County Fireman's Association.
2. Eligible applicants must be a graduating senior or a student attending an accredited college.
3. Applicants cannot be older than 22 by the April 1 deadline.
4. A scholarship of up to \$1000 will be paid to an accredited two-year or four-year college, including technical institutes.
5. One letter of recommendation is required from the chief or assistant chief of your fire department, one letter of recommendation from a teacher must accompany each application, along with a current transcript and an optional letter of recommendation from your pastor or youth pastor.
6. Applicants may be requested to participate in an interview process.
7. Awards will be sent to the college of the recipient's choice.
8. The applicant must maintain his/her student status during the semester(s) he/she is receiving scholarship money. If the applicant leave school before the semester is over, he/she will be responsible for refunding the Adam R. Howard Scholarship the full amount issued.
9. Scholarship money can only be used for tuition and books.
10. Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee determined by the Deep Run Volunteer Fire Department.
11. All decisions of the committee are final.



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**Section I** (to be completed by applicant)

1. Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Applicant's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Applicant's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where are you currently attending school? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of Fire Department you are member \_\_\_\_\_

7. What college do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What are your future plans? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What is your intended major/career focus? \_\_\_\_\_

10. References:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Why do you feel you deserve this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Any other extenuating circumstance(s) that you would like the selection committee to know about? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section II**-Essay

It was apparent to all who knew Adam that he demonstrated his favorite Bible verse, John 15:13, in his daily life. In 250 words or less tell how you exemplify the words of Adam’s Bible verse, “Greater love hath no man than this, one that would lay down his life for another,” in your everyday life.

**Section III**-High School/College Record

1. Applicant’s Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. From what high school will you be graduating or graduated from? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What extracurricular activities have you participated in? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What offices have you held? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. List any school related awards you have received and/or have been nominated for?  
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(Please give this section of the form to your guidance counselor his/her completion. Then ask him/her to mail it along with a copy of your Standardized Transcript to Deep Run Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 71, Deep Run, NC 28525. For questions or concerns contact Gail Howard 252-560-7884. )

**Statement of Guidance Counselor**

1. How does this student rank in comparison with the total senior class?  
 First 10% \_\_\_\_\_ Upper 25% \_\_\_\_\_ Upper 50% \_\_\_\_\_
2. What recommendations would you make concerning this student?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I do not know this student well enough to make a recommendation.



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**Section IV**-Fire Department Record

1. Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. What fire department are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When did you join this department (give month and year)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What firefighter classes have you taken? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What awards have you received and/or have been nominated for? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Statement of Fire Chief or Assistant Chief**

1. Please rank the applicant on the following characteristics. (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest)
2. \_\_\_\_ I do not know this student well enough to make a recommendation.

	1	2	3	4	5
Self-motivated					
Leadership					
Dependable					
Accountable					
Responsible					
Selfless					

3. Copy of the applicant's training record for the last year (Jan. – Dec.) If your department does not keep training hour please estimate the number of hours the member has attending training over the past year.
4. Letter of recommendation

Please mail all of the above information to:

Deep Run Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 71, Deep Run, NC 28525. For questions or concerns contact Gail Howard 252-560-7884, [goward@lenoir.org](mailto:goward@lenoir.org).