

The Allen Lee Downing Memorial Scholarship

Biography

Allen Lee Downing graduated from Kenmore East High School in 1996 and was involved in the Drama Club, Baseball team, Theatre Arts Society, Company of Song, Booster Club, & the Tennis Team. Allen demonstrated many talents, as well as management and leadership skills at an early age. One of his proudest achievements was becoming an Eagle Scout in 1996. This is very honorable, because only four percent of all Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Rank. As part of a service project Allen painted a mural on the cafeteria wall at Heritage Center, where he was a youth counselor.

In 2001, Allen graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology and was captain of the Baseball Team. Allen was pursuing his MBA at Medaille College and completed his first year with an impressive GPA. He worked at Northrop Grumman Amherst Systems as a Design Engineer where he was among a select number of employees to go through the special leadership training program; "Leadership from the Core." Allen aspired to become a Manager at Northrop Grumman.

Everyone who was blessed to know Allen knew that he was an outgoing, friendly person with an amazing personality. He was a well-liked individual who was very dependable and always willing to help out in any way he could. Allen's favorite pastimes were camping, playing golf and softball, and riding his sports bike. Unfortunately, his life was cut short when he was involved in a tragic motorcycle accident in June of 2005.

Allen accomplished so much in his short 27 years; more than most people do in a lifetime. Allen was so driven and motivated to be the best he could be, and continuing his education was very important to him. The Allen Lee Downing Memorial Scholarship has been established to ensure that Allen's passion for higher education can help others do the same.

Requirements

- Medaille's Financial Aid Office will award the scholarship funds with the advice of a review committee convened each year by the Vice-President for Enrollment Management.
- Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled, full-time, as declared business, accounting, or management majors who have maintained an overall GPA of 3.0 or entering freshmen with a four year, cumulative grade point average of no less than 85% or 3.0.
- In an effort to commemorate Al Downing's commitment to community service, each scholarship recipient will be required to complete 30 hours of community service during the academic year in which an award is received.
- All interested applicants who fulfill the minimum application requirements will be considered and are encouraged to apply; however, selection preference will be given to candidates with financial need and/or candidates from underrepresented groups.
- Scholarships will be awarded to two students per year based on the above criteria.

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Application

Scholarship Checklist:

- Compete Application (below)
- Submit 500 word essay

Please Print:

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Area of Study _____

Class Year _____ Current GPA _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Please submit a typed essay that addresses the following issues in 500 words or less.

You are encouraged to include any additional information about yourself that might assist the committee in making its final decision.

Over the coming year, scholarship recipients are required to complete 30 hours of community service.

How do you plan to make a difference? Briefly describe any community service experiences you have participated in previously. What are your short-term and long-term educational goals?

Application Deadline and Submission Guidelines

Submit your application by May 15, 2009 to:

Medaille College
Attn: Development Office
18 Agassiz Circle
Buffalo, NY 14214

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