

Michele L. and Steven W. Balls Foundation Scholarship 2019

In memory of Steven W. Balls

Presented By:
Mr. and Mrs. Balls

Mr. And Mrs. Balls brought a very special young man into the world on February 1, 1972. Steven was born with dwarfism and struggled to maintain a normal lifestyle. Steven was a very smart young man who had a love for computers and technology. Even though he didn't know the specifics of how the computer worked, he would take it apart and do all that he could to figure out how to put it back together again. Graduating North Carroll in 1990 was a major milestone in Steven's life. Following high school he was employed by Centers for Medicare Medicaid and was an information technologist. Having dealt with multiple surgeries and obstacles during his young life, Steven exemplified a man whose determination overcame any setbacks or obstacles.

With his physical appearance not like the others, he overlooked his differences and pressed forward with an attitude more positive than once can imagine. Mr. and Mrs. Balls would like to present a \$2,500 scholarship to a graduating senior student of Manchester Valley High School who exemplifies the qualities and passions similar to those of Steven.

Eligibility:

The Balls foundation would like to present a one-time \$2,500 scholarship this year. Graduating seniors of Manchester Valley High School are eligible to apply. Award money must be used to further the student's education. This award will be awarded to a first-time, full-time or part-time, freshman student pursuing a degree or certificate in the field of information technology or any major thereof dealing with computer maintenance, programming, and/or technology. The student may choose a community college, trade school, or apprenticeship.

Recipient Qualifications:

- This award will be given to the student who shows his/her **passion for both the information technology field and life.**
- The recipient must show evidence of strong technological accomplishments through a visual portfolio of his/her own work presented as either a slideshow or PowerPoint presentation on a CD.
- The recipient must show evidence of eligibility through a written statement describing his/her work and passion for technology and/or computers. In addition, **the student needs to describe why he/she deserves this scholarship.**

Materials Required for Application:

- Completed application form.
- A copy of an official high school transcript.
- A minimum of 500 word hard copy, typed, describing his/her work, passion and a description of **why he/she deserves this scholarship.**

- One teacher letter of recommendation in hard copy.
- A CD portfolio of 5 works in either a slideshow or PowerPoint presentation of his/her own work.

Please postmark the above requirements by **April 1** of the current school year to:

**Community Foundation of Carroll County
255 Clifton Blvd., Suite 313
Westminster, MD. 21157**

PLEASE INCLUDE ALL ATTACHMENTS FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.

Selection & Awarding Process:

- The Balls Foundation committee will identify candidates based on the recipient qualifications and application materials stated above.
- The winner will then be announced at the Manchester Valley High School awards ceremony on May 31, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Rules & Eligibility for Scholarship:

- Graduating senior of Manchester Valley High School
- Student must be enrolled full time (12+ hours per semester) or ³/₄ - time (9-11 hours per semester).
- Student must enroll as a traditional freshman with no previous enrollments to any other higher learning institutions.
- Student must be a declared information technology major of any kind at time of enrollment. ● Student must remain in good academic standing, minimum of a 2.0 average, with the learning institution, registered as full- or ³/₄ time student for the duration of the award period.
- Student must successfully complete all course work.

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Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Name and location of college, university, or trade school where you plan to attend:

Planned course of study: _____

Have you been accepted? _____

Please list any extra-curricular activities that you have participated in during the last four years. This may include athletics, church groups, volunteer work, other school or community organizations, special interests, hobbies, etc., especially if related to our foundation.

Signature of Applicant

Date



Please also include:

- A copy of an official high school transcript.
- A CD portfolio of 5 samples of your own work in either a slideshow or PowerPoint presentation.
- A minimum of a 500 word typed statement describing your work and passion.
- One teacher's letter of recommendation in a hard copy.

Our best wishes for success in your chosen field of endeavor, and may you go forward and pursue your dreams!

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