RODNEY ALLEN WILLIAMS: ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY SERVICE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street/Box City State Zip Code

Telephone # _____

Email Address: _____

Name of your parents/guardian _____

Name of High School _____

Address of High School _____
Street/Box City State Zip Code

Name of Guidance Counselor _____

I will graduate (circle one) **Spring 2026** **Summer 2026**

Signature of Applicant Date

Attach to your application the following items and submit the entire scholarship package to **Tina L. Bonaparte, Esq., c/o R. A. W. Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 39691, Greensboro, NC 27438. Packet must be postmarked not later than March 23, 2026.**

- Copy of Official High School Transcript (Please redact birthdate and student id number)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- List of community service activities, list any honors/awards recognizing community service
- Typewritten essay 2-3 pages (Do not put your name on the essay)
- Copy of death certificate, obituary, or newspaper article of deceased family member
- Wallet size photo (approx 2 ½ by 3 ½)
- Copy of college, university, technical, or trade school acceptance letter (please remove social security number, student id number)

**********The scholarship award will accrue to the individual student*********

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Mr. Rodney Allen Williams was born in Orangeburg, SC, and attended public schools to include Orangeburg Wilkinson High School. He was the 7th of 8 children. Thirteen years ago, on April 24, 2010, Rodney was killed in an automobile hit and run incident in Columbia, SC. His case is still **unsolved**. Rodney was in the Columbia area and had performed community service by assisting a family to relocate to the Columbia area from Orangeburg. On that same day of April 24, his sister, Tina L. Bonaparte, Esq., a military veteran, and graduate of Orangeburg Wilkinson High School, was performing community service with Habitat for Humanity with the U.S. Coast Guard in California. This scholarship, given in memory of Rodney Allen Williams' life and legacy, will go to a deserving graduating senior in the South Carolina Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five, a student in the public school system in the state of South Carolina, or other state in the contiguous U.S., who has lost a family member, and who demonstrates a commitment to both education and community.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. The applicant must be (1) a graduating high school senior from a public high school in Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five (5) in South Carolina or (2) a high school senior graduating from a public high school in the state of South Carolina; or (3) a graduating high school senior from a public high school in the United States; or (4) a graduate student invited to apply by a committee member of the R.A.W. Community Service Scholarship Program. Five points will be automatically given to students in the Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five (5).

2. The applicant **must have** at least one recommendation from his/her teacher or guidance counselor. The applicant must have a total of three (3) letters of recommendation.

3. A scholarship recipient must be accepted to attend an accredited college, university, trade school, or technical school located in the United States.

4. The applicant must write an essay 2 - 3 pages in length double spaced. The Essay Topic is "**Is there value in community service, why or why not?"**

5. The applicant must be of good moral character and reputation.

6. The applicant must have lost a family member (parent(s), grandparent(s), sibling(s), aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or God-Parents, and provide a copy of the deceased obituary, death certificate, or newspaper article.

7. All essays, letters of recommendations and applications become the property of the Rodney Allen Williams: Encouraging Community Service Scholarship Fund. **Once the selection process is complete, documentation submitted by applicants not selected will be destroyed or returned.**
8. Interested students may request an application for this scholarship from their guidance counselor or send a postage paid, self-addressed envelope to:

Tina L. Bonaparte, Esq.
c/o Rodney Allen Williams Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 39691, Greensboro, NC 27438.

The completed application package must be postmarked no later than March 23, 2026.
Community Service: Examples of "Community Service" include but is not limited to:

a. Assisting an elderly or handicapped neighbor by cutting their grass, shopping, assisting them in cleaning their homes, ect.
b. Participating in an AIDS walk, Leukemia walk, Cancer/Breast Cancer walk, or donating to any related events.
c. Donating blood, organizing a blood drive.
d. Volunteering at your school, church, or any non-profit organization.
e. Volunteering as a Big Brother or Big Sister, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.
f. Volunteering at a homeless shelter or serving food to the less fortunate.
g. Organizing a community clean up.
h. Volunteering or donating to Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army or other non profits.
i. Volunteering to tutor students or adults in reading, writing, and math.
j. Contributions to research projects virtually.
k. Contribution to Initiatives (standard or global) via on-site, virtually, or home (Examples: volunteered as a poll worker, site set up for voting, ect)
l. Random acts of kindness documented via video, zoom, or photos.