



Dave Smith Memorial Scholarship

Dave was a 1956 graduate of Gomer High School where he excelled in both baseball and basketball. He attended Miami (Ohio) University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1960. He then taught two years in Middletown, Ohio before returning home to Elida, Ohio where he was a Biology teacher for six years and then a guidance counselor for 26 years retiring in 1994. He then served 12 years on the Elida School Board of Education and Apollo School Board of Education. A life-long dedicated educator, Dave concluded his active service to children in education by serving as president of the Northwest Ohio District School Board Association as well as volunteering through tutoring elementary students. Dave thoroughly enjoyed his 33 years of serving as basketball scorekeeper for Elida boys basketball and the fieldhouse tournament games, and he was a passionate supporter of the Bulldogs! Although Dave was extremely involved in education, he did it for no other reason than to serve others...caring for the well-being of others was his passion in life. He took great pride in all of his students and will be remembered for his hard work ethic and the many lives on which he had an impact. We are truly honored as his family to help Dave continue giving back to his beloved Elida Bulldogs through this scholarship!

The Dave Smith Memorial Scholarship is a \$1000 non-renewable scholarship available to one graduating member of this year's senior class. The family reserves the right to split this scholarship into two, if deemed necessary.

Applicants must:

- 1) attend a college, university, or trade school in the summer or fall immediately following high school graduation
- 2) have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0
- 3) be a well-rounded individual showing the ability to balance academics and activities by having participated in extra-curricular activities (athletics, music, performing arts, clubs, etc.) during his/her senior year.
- 4) complete a 300-500 word, type-written essay on the following:
 - Because he was always concerned about the well-being of others, as his children growing up, Dave often said things that have made a lasting impression on us that we hope to have passed along to our children. Things such as:
 - "Sure...it would be nice to be important, but it is far more important to be nice"
 - "It is much greater to give than to receive"
 - "Recognition for accomplishments is nice, but there are hundreds of others along the way you need to thank for helping you to achieve those things"
 - "Do something today that will positively affect someone else"
 - How do you feel about those statements that Dave felt were so vitally important? How have you specifically made an impact on others in your life? Is it possible for you, as just one person, to make the world we live in a better place? If so, how will you?

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(Due to guidance office APRIL 1ST)

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your cumulative GPA on 4.0 scale: _____ Your Class Rank: _____ out of _____

Verified by Guidance Counselor Signature: _____

ACT Score: _____

Special Academic Honors/Awards: _____

Extra-curricular activities (sports, music/performing arts, clubs, employment, volunteer, etc.) participated in:

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Where will you be attending college next year? _____

What is your intended major? _____

Have you already been accepted? YES NO

Scholarship money must be refunded if the recipient does not attend college