

ABOUT THE FUND

A scholarship fund in memory of Jacob David Bower has been established at Your Community Foundation by his father and mother, Dean and Ginger Bower of Fairmont, WV. Jacob was a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point when he was called to heaven on July 21, 2011.

Jacob was raised in Fairmont, graduated from East Fairmont High School with the Class of 2011 and was a member of the East Side Bee Family. Jacob also attended Fairmont Senior High School for an AP course. Jacob, a top scholar and athlete, was a loyal, driven and disciplined young man. He was most happy when he was with his family, his loving girlfriend, Emily Domico, and friends. He loved books and many sports such as football, basketball, baseball, golf and weight training. Jacob was working out with the crew team at West Point and planned to try out in August.



He was a person of great character, thus in his graduation speech he quoted from the book “In Search of Ethics: “In the end, your character is your destiny and you are the architect of your own character.” Because Jacob was a positive role model for so many, and will continue to be an inspiration to all who knew him, his family would like to leave you with his own words: “In order to achieve a truly content and absolute life, we must base our thoughts and actions on that which is righteous and true.”

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Recipients must be graduating seniors from a Marion County high school demonstrating strength of character and high academic promise, participated in at least one varsity sport, and exhibited commitment and leadership qualities through involvement in school and community activities. Students must provide a recommendation from a teacher or counselor and at least one coach. This is a non-renewable scholarship; you must reapply during the next scholarship cycle if you wish to be considered for funding again

To apply, please visit www.ycfwv.org/scholarships.

HOW CAN I DONATE?

The scholarship is managed by Your Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia, Inc. (YCF). YCF is a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization eligible to receive donations.

Any individual, organization, or business can make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund. Donations are accepted in the form of checks, credit cards, stocks and through bequests. To donate online, click on the “Donate” link on the YCF website, www.ycfwv.org. You may enter a name of a specific fund during the checkout process. Alternatively, donations by check may be made payable to "YCF" and mailed to the address below. Checks should include the name of the fund in the memo line.

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