

Rob Zimmerer Memorial Scholarship Award 2021 Application

Robert Arthur Zimmerer had his whole life ahead of him. After graduating with his degree in business from Wesley College, he continued to follow his love and passion for golf. His successes on the golf course at Wallkill Valley High School and Wesley College led him to his career that he loved, being an assistant manager at Golf Galaxy. His life and future plans changed in April 2013. At the age of 24, Rob was diagnosed with a rare form of colon cancer that metastasized to his liver. Being so young, the cancer went undetected and untreated until underlying health issues surfaced that required medical attention. No matter what age, no one wants to hear his or her loved one has cancer, but this type of cancer occurring in such a young person made this normally harsh reality even worse.

Rob, being the person he was, took this disease in stride with all the odds that were stacked up against him; Rob continued to live his life as normally as he could. He never wanted cancer to win. While he endured numerous rounds of chemotherapy, radiation, and multiple surgeries, he continued to redefine the true meaning of “living” and became a genuine inspiration to all who knew him. After a brutal two and a half year battle with stage IV colon cancer, Rob passed away October 12, 2015, just 3 weeks after his 27th birthday.

The Friends of Robbie Foundation structured around the principle that “No one fights alone.” When it comes to cancer, the Foundation devotes to assist individuals and families who confronted with the challenges that fighting this awful disease presents. We are committed to aid families in our community who are facing acute financial need due to disease, tragedy, or hardship. The Foundation remains dedicated to assist young men and women in pursuing their academic and career goals through donations and scholarships. By accomplishing these goals, The Friends of Robbie Foundation will perpetuate Rob’s legacy while positively influencing the lives of others.

Eligibility

- A current athlete for the 2020-2021 school year
- A graduating high school senior
- Post-secondary plans (that include enrolling in a college, technical school or vocational program)
- One letter of recommendation

Amount of Scholarship

The Friends of Robbie Foundation will award one, one-time scholarship for \$500. This scholarship awarded to the recipient near the end of 2020-2021 school year.

Instructions for Application

- Complete scholarship application in its entirety
- Submit required essay
- An official transcript including first two marking periods of the 2020-2021 school year
- A written letter of recommendation

Applicant Information

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____) - ____ - _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CLASS RANK: _____ GPA: _____

Please complete the following questions, if additional space is needed please use separate piece of paper and attach.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: (Student government, clubs, and athletics) Please include years of participation and any leadership experience.

CITIZENSHIP: (Community service, volunteer work, exclusive of school related activities) Please include years of participation.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS: (Include college and major if known, vocational/technical school)

EMPLOYMENT: If applicable, include employer's contact information

INTERESTS AND/OR HOBBIES:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: (This should include and real need or extraordinary circumstance you feel the committee should be aware of)

Essay Question:

In approximately 250-500 words, please answer one of the following questions.

Option 1: How has being an athlete influenced your life?

Option 2: How has cancer affected your life?

Certification:

Must be signed by applicant

The information provided in this application and the attachments are true and answered to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Printed Name

Parent/guardian's Signature

Date

Parent/guardian's Printed Name

Please review your questions to ensure all questions are complete. Return the signed/dated application with any other necessary paperwork to the Guidance Department by Friday April 16, 2021. For additional information, please contact us at info@friendsofrobbie.org