Todd ‘Jacob’ Gillitzer, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Central Mesabi Medical Foundation

Introduction:
The Todd ‘Jacob’ Gillitzer, Jr. Scholarship was established in 2018 to honor the memory and celebrate the life of Jacob, who tragically lost his life in a house fire in the early morning hours of December 26, 2017, and to recognize the heroic efforts of first responders who came to his aid.

Jacob was 9, a fourth-grader at Northside Elementary School in Benson, Minn., and loved playing hockey, baseball, football and video games.

A total of $1,500 in scholarship funding will gifted annually by Jacob’s maternal grandparents, Stephanie and David Frentzel, to be awarded to eligible applicants seeking careers in paramedicine, including Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification or a Paramedic degree from an accredited program.

Depending on the number of applications, scholarships in the amounts of $500, $1,000, or $1,500 will be awarded to eligible students. Scholarship funds will be distributed to awardees upon receipt of the student’s course schedule; funds will be paid directly to the college/scholastic institution. A letter will notify all applicants of the committee’s decision.

Eligibility criteria:
- Area of Study – Students must be pursuing a career in a paramedicine-related field such as Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedic.
- Applicants entering a Paramedic program must show proof of earning EMT certification.
- Personal Characteristics – Students must be dependable, hard-working, goal-oriented, focused and motivated.
- Financial Need – Students who have a financial need are given priority.

Letters of Recommendation:
- Please submit two (2) written recommendations with your application, one from a current instructor and the other from a former employer/supervisor or personal friend.
- For students pursuing a degree in Paramedic Studies, please include a letter of recommendation from your EMT instructor.

Transcripts:
- For students pursuing an EMT certificate, please submit a copy of your most recent official transcripts with your application.
- For students pursuing a degree in Paramedic Studies, please include copies of your most recent official transcripts with your application and proof of EMT program completion.

One Essay:
- Tell us about yourself and why you are interested in becoming a Paramedic.
- What are your future career plans and how will you accomplish them?

Applications may be mailed to the Central Mesabi Medical Foundation, 750 East 34th Street, Hibbing, MN or emailed to Susan Degnan, CMMF Foundation Director, at sdegnan2@range.fairview.org.
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Scholarship Application

Name: _________________________________________
Address __________________________________City __________State ___ Zip ________
Phone: ____________________________ E-mail address: ____________________________
College/Scholastic Institution you are or will be attending: __________________________
High school from which you graduated: __________________________
List other financial aid you are receiving for your education: __________________________
Have you ever received a scholarship from CMMF previously? ______Yes ______No

Applicant’s signature ___________________________ Date _____________

Please respond to the following under separate cover:

1. Describe your career goals and aspirations.
2. Describe an experience that impacted your career choice.
3. Describe your volunteer or community involvement.
4. In five years, where do you see yourself in your career path?
5. Financial need is not a requisite for the scholarship, but will be taken under consideration. Briefly describe your current financial situation.
6. Tell us about other activities/accomplishments/recognition you feel the scholarship committee should consider.

Please include letters of recommendation and official transcript/proof of EMT certification with your application.

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