

The Jack G. Rogers Memorial Scholarship

Jack was a Class of 2020 Graduate. Due to Covid he completed his senior year virtually. Luckily his class was able to have a graduation ceremony. No one was prouder than Jack was of his accomplishments. He did it..... He Graduated!!!!

Jack struggled in school since kindergarten and had an IEP since the 4th grade. Surprisingly, he loved school and very rarely complained about how difficult it was for him, and happily went every day. He had an amazing group of friends and a strong support system at home, and within the school. He overcame his struggles with learning disabilities and figured out how to study and complete tasks in his own way. Jack applied, was accepted, and enrolled at ECC for construction management but ended up changing his mind and decided to take a year off to re-evaluate his future. He started working full time and was contemplating a trade school to learn about automotive/small engine mechanics, or possible culinary classes because he loved to cook and bake. At one point he even considered social work to help and support those with addictions.

Jack's life was tragically cut short in late summer of 2021, due to an accident while doing what he loved most.... riding his dirt bike. We want to remember Jack and honor his memory by providing students like him, a monetary scholarship for their future endeavors, whatever they might be. Jack was a true adventurer and loved exploring and trying new things. We hope to make him proud and continue his legacy for years to come.

Jack would have never applied for a scholarship because of the essay portion – writing was his least favorite thing to do. So, we want this to be simple. Just write a brief introduction, including a few things you would want us to know about you. You home life, your social life, your activities, and favorite things to do, or favorite foods, movies, or places to go. If you feel like you can relate to Jack in any way – please include that in your summary. We look forward to meeting you and hearing why you think this scholarship is for you!

A few facts about Jack: he was the happiest young man in the world, always smiling, always willing to help, and easily made friends. He was a kind and loyal friend, and always tried keeping the peace in any situation. He played soccer, and baseball during his younger years, then proudly played hockey all throughout elementary and middle school. He played modified football in middle school and was on the Frontier swim team. He also snowboarded and joined the ski club with his brother and friends. He was a cub scout and loved to go camping. He loved going to the beach and hiking at 18-mile creek. Weekends he could be found hanging out with his girlfriend and his friends, riding his dirt bike, or detailing his car, and always listening to his music at an extremely loud volume. Jack was a joy to be around and always made others laugh with his infectious goofy personality.

Applicants must have/had an IEP or 504 plan. Plans for 2- or 4-year college, or a trade school encouraged to apply. Please include how this scholarship would benefit you and your future.

The recipient of this scholarship will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Complete application
- Short introductory letter or essay
- Plans of enrolling in a 2 or 4 year, or trade school after graduation
- Shares characteristics or goals, similar to Jack's

