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Tyler Adkins Memorial Fund Scholarship Application – Mental Health

This scholarship program was established in 2024 to honor the memory of Tyler Adkins, who lost his secret struggle with mental health in 2023. The purpose of this program is to provide financial support to students pursuing a career in the field of mental health, which is in dire need of more professionals. Tyler was a Valley Central student and was set to graduate in 2023. He was accepted into a Business Marketing program and was committed to play lacrosse for a DIII university. Tyler will always be remembered for his infectious smile and willingness to help others.

Requirements for Consideration:

- Applicants must be residents of the Valley Central School District.
- Candidates must be Valley Central High School seniors.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program (college, university or technical school) and will be pursuing a degree in the mental health field starting in the Fall of 2025.
- An essay with approximately 500 words and 2 letters of recommendation must accompany the application.
- Award amount will be one \$1,000 scholarship.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Tyler Adkins Memorial Scholarship Board of Directors.
- Deadline to submit is May 15, 2025.

Completed Applications must be sent to:

Tyler Adkins Memorial Fund
15 Old Coldenham Road
Walden, NY 12586

OR VCHS – Guidance Office; Melynda Kane

Applicant Information:

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/Town/Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

Birth Date (day/month/year) _____

Year Graduating from High School _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name(s) _____

Proposed Post Secondary Studies

Institution in which you will be attending _____

Major Course of Studies _____

Semester you will begin _____

Essay question and recommendations:

1. Provide an essay of approximately 500 words explaining why you are pursuing a degree in the mental health field and how you plan to make an impact on others facing mental health challenges. Please include if you have had personal experience with mental illness or if it has impacted your loved ones and how it has impacted your life and relationships. Include any examples of community service you have completed and how it affected you. Explain how this scholarship will help you.
2. Furnish 2 letters of recommendation (forms attached).
3. Attach a copy of the acceptance letter from the institution you plan on attending.
4. Provide a copy of your transcript or last report card showing graduation eligibility.

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Reference Form

Applicant Name: _____

How long have you personally known this applicant? _____

How do you know this applicant? _____

Do you believe this applicant is a good role model? _____

Please give some examples _____

Please give some examples of this applicant's volunteerism in the community (if any)

Please explain this applicant's academic commitment _____

Additional comments on why you would award a scholarship to this applicant _____

Name of person completing this form

Name _____

Position _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to the applicant so he/she may submit it with their application. Thank you for your support.

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I HAVE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE TYLER ADKINS MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP.

I DECLARE:

That I have answered all questions, and that all information is true and complete;

That I propose to be a full-time student at the institution named for the period stated;

That I grant permission for Tyler Adkins Memorial Fund to request and receive information pertaining to my academic progress and post-secondary enrollment status.

DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____

Review Committee use:

Date Received _____

Doc checklist ____ applic ____ transcript ____ accept ltr ____ 2 recmd ltrs

	Score	Score	Score
Essay			
Recommendations			
Reviewer Initials			

ESSAY

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