



**STEPHENTOWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ROBERT J. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP**

SUBMISSIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

**REWARDING
YOUR SERVICE
TO OUR
COMMUNITY**

2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Stephentown Memorial Library Robert J. Smith Scholarship rewards the public service of one graduating high school senior with \$2000 for college.

Each applicant must be a Stephentown resident accepted to a two- or four-year college or university. Please submit the following for consideration.

- A current high school transcript
- An 800-word essay summarizing your record of community service as well as your plans for college (potential major, etc.)
- A completed application form
- Three letters of reference: one from your Guidance Counselor and two from non-relative adults



IN MEMORY OF ROBERT J. SMITH (1975-2018)

In the spirit of his faith, Bob lived a life dedicated to the service of others. As a member of the United States Air Force for 23 years, he served as an EMT and firefighter, including deployment to Iraq after 9/11, before earning his officer's commission as a Flight Nurse following studies at the Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing and Excelsior College. His civilian nursing career began in 2003 at St. Peter's Hospital, where he would later transition to an administrative role as Nurse Manager of the Emergency Department and member of various committees, using his experience to foster change for his patients as well as the staff who cared for them.

During the final two years of his life, following his cancer diagnosis in 2015, he retired from both his military and nursing careers to focus on his health, his family, and his community. Despite a painful struggle, he continued to actively enrich the lives of others while adapting his lifestyle to stay as healthy as possible. He volunteered with his son's baseball team and school PTO, the veterans charities The Fallen Outdoors and The Fisher House Foundation, and the Stephentown Memorial Library's Board of Trustees. His enduring legacy of gratitude, hard work, positivity and care for those in need impacted countless lives and will always be an inspiration to those who knew him.

APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT'S NAME

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS

APPLICANT'S HIGH SCHOOL

NAME OF THE SCHOOL APPLICANT WILL ATTEND IN THE FALL

NUMBER OF YEARS APPLICANT HAS LIVED IN STEPHENTOWN

APPLICANT'S PHONE NUMBER

APPLICANT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

Deadline for submissions:

Friday, May 15, 2020

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Please review guidelines carefully