

Ryan Schober Memorial Bowling Fund

"Nothing's more fun than throwing large heavy spheres at inanimate stationary objects!" - Ryan Schober

Background:

Ryan Schober was a quick wit, great listener, creative craftsman, clever gamer, and a talented bowler. He had a very creative spirit and often made beautiful handmade gifts for his family. He loved the outdoors and was an Eagle Scout. Ryan could be quiet when you first met him, but once he started talking, his sense of humor and clever wit shone brightly. Once on a family trip, Ryan noticed his uncle was wearing two different, mismatched shoes. Instead of saying something right away, he waited until the family was playing a game of "telephone" at the bar. When it was his turn, Ryan played the line "Uncle Ray is wearing two different shoes". Cracking up everyone from his uncle to the bartender.

Speaking of shoes, Ryan was particularly proud of his bright blue and metallic silver bowling shoes - which were the only shoes he ever found in a bowling store that fit him. He checked the pro-shop at every bowling alley he traveled to for tournaments and was so excited when the clerk pulled out the (literally) dusty box of size 16s. "I even like the color!" he happily announced!

Ryan spent much of his free time as a child at the bowling alley in Appleton. He met most of his closest friends through bowling, and even factored the sport into his decision when choosing a college. Ryan was always happiest and most comfortable when he was at the bowling alley. In loving memory, Ryan's family and friends have established this scholarship for graduating Fox Cities seniors who enjoy the bowling community as much as Ryan did.

We said goodbye to Ryan far too soon on June 1st, 2021, when he was 23.

If you are a student struggling with your mental health, please know that you are loved immensely. We are so proud of you already for getting here and thinking of your future. Please talk to your family, your local Crisis Intervention Center, guidance counselor, or another trusted adult if you are having thoughts of suicide. We would give absolutely anything to have that chance to talk to Ryan.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Appleton East, North, or West High Schools who participated in their high school's bowling team
- Planning to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university, or technical school as a full-time or part-time student
- Community Involvement
- Financial need will be considered

Award Amount:

One \$500 non-renewable scholarship award for tuition expenses, payable during the first semester of the freshman year of college.

Selection:

Recipients are recommended each spring by the Community Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee.

Collecting the Award & Payment Procedure:

Recipients must fill out and submit Scholarship Acceptance Form and Scholarship Verification Form through the [Scholarship Portal](https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar) (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar>). Recipients are required to provide supporting documents as instructed in the Scholarship Verification Form, such as class registration/list **with** credits listed, proof of major, grade transcript, etc.

After approval of online Scholarship Verification Form, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending. The **Community Foundation communicates with students via email**; it is the student's responsibility to keep their Scholarship Portal account updated with their current email address.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a full-time or part-time student at an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university or technical school for the first semester of freshman year of college.

Further Information:

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
 - Website www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/ / Email scholarships@cffoxvalley.org / Phone 920.702.7623

