

Landen Michael Montanio Scholarship Application

The Landen Michael Montanio Scholarship Fund was established to benefit a qualifying Bishop Neumann senior student. If selected, a \$2,000 tuition assistance scholarship will be deposited directly to the college institution of their choice.

Eligibility criteria for this scholarship is as follow:

1. Applicants shall be graduating seniors who will attend a degree-granting college or university;
2. Applicants must be members of FFA or FBLA organizations; or a current Ag student.

Student Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____

Intended School: _____ Area of Study: _____
High School GPA (On a 4.0 Scale): _____

List Academic and Extracurricular clubs, organizations, and activities. _____

Define what leadership means to you and list Community Involvement. _____

List and explain any extraordinary expenses or special circumstances involving your personal financial situation that should be considered. _____

Take a moment to read Landen's poem, the "legacy he left behind", and explain what it means to you and what affect it had on you. _____

Please attach two letters of recommendation from persons unrelated to you who will attest to your character, motivation, integrity and work ethic.

Completed Application form is due in Neumann Guidance office no later than April 1.

Landen Michael Montanio Scholarship

Landen Montanio was born February 24th, 2002 in Omaha, Nebraska to Elizabeth Pavlik and Michael Montanio. Landen grew up in Yutan, Nebraska and attended grade school at St. Wenceslaus and continued to high school at Bishop Neumann Catholic High School.

From a very early age, he was a wonderful and charismatic boy who always looked up to those around him. Landen loved working in the yard with his mom and working side by side with his dad in his welding shop. Growing up he was always seen with his two cousins, McKinley and Chisum Wilson, who treated him like he was their own sibling. Together, the "three musketeers" were involved in 4H showing horses, cattle, and pigs. They spent many great memories together; whether it was blasting the radio and singing Eric Church songs on their way to horse practice or ending a day by throwing Landen into the livestock tank. He also loved playing online video games with his many friends and, best friend, Austen Hanel late at night.

In high school, Landen was involved in wrestling, FFA, FBLA, trap shooting, and he was a part of the National Honor Society. He graduated from Bishop Neumann in May 2020 and attended the University of Nebraska-Omaha majoring in construction engineering and finished his first year of college. Landen had plans to switch his major to construction management as he planned to join his father's business and eventually planned to start his own company, LMM Design. Landen was already making custom strut bars for classic vehicles, including his own pride and joy, his '02 Trans Am WS6.

Landen also loved to travel. He loved to go on weekend getaways with his dad to the mountains in Colorado to go snowboarding. They would spend hours talking and enjoying their time together. Landen cherished his spring break getaways with his mom to Disney World where they would spend all week hopping from park to park and riding Landen's favorite ride "Splash Mountain". He was also able to explore other parts of the world with his high school classmates when he traveled to London and Scotland in the summer of 2019.

Landen had many friends who loved and cherished him for who he was as a person. There were many memories of his big GMC pickup or his Trans Am that were full of laughter, smiles, and times that will be cherished forever. He also had a wonderful and loving relationship with his best friend and girlfriend, Jasmine Sharpe, with whom he loved deeply.

As a tribute to Landen, a scholarship fund was established to benefit a qualifying Bishop Neumann student participating in the FFA program, \$2,000 for college tuition assistance each year.

On Monday, July 25, 2016, 10:47 PM, Landen Montanio wrote the following poem at age 14.

Sometimes we must have the courage to do things others will not and to go places others will not

There are things in this world
Things we should leave alone
Things we should find
There are things we cannot fathom
There are legends and there are myths
They may be true, they may not be
But it's what we choose to believe
It's what we choose to love
It's what we choose to make peace with
It's what we choose to learn
It's what we choose to find out
It's what we choose to leave alone
There are things we do not understand
So we choose to not believe
But it is your choice to believe or not to believe
Don't let somebody change your thoughts
It's what you believe that makes you
The Lord said " we were created in his image"
Not the same, we are all unique
We all have abilities
We all have strengths
We all have weaknesses
But in life, no matter what
It will always knock you down
It's whether you choose to get up or to stay on the ground
In life it's what we want to believe
What we want to do
Whether we choose to get up or to stay down
You make your life what you want
You believe what you want
Believe in the myths and the legends
Leave what you want to leave alone
Find what you want to find
Make life what you want it to be
If you want to make a change then make it
Life is not easy nor will it ever be
But we must choose what we want it to be
-Landen Michael Montanio



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