

**Sergeant Shawn M. Farrell II Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
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***"Hard times don't create heroes. It is during hard times when a 'hero' within us is revealed."***  
***-Bob Riley***

**To: Veterans of Ulster County**

The SGT. Shawn M. Farrell II Scholarship Memorial Fund will offer a scholarship to an Honorably Discharged Veteran that will be attending college or a vocational institution in Ulster County. The recipient must meet the criteria that is listed below and will be chosen by the award committee.

This scholarship will be awarded to a veteran that best meets the below listed criteria. The Veteran has to have been accepted by a two/four year college or vocational institution in any area of study and have plans to complete a two/four year or certification program.

Information can also be found on our website at [www.sgtfarrellfund.org](http://www.sgtfarrellfund.org).

Criteria:

1. Applicants must submit their completed application along with an essay or video containing the following.
  - Your military career, achievements and any awards.
  - The reason you are applying for the scholarship.
  - Describe how the skills you gained during your military service and this scholarship will help you attain your future career goals.
2. The scholarship winner must allow any photos or video taken to share with the public on Facebook and the scholarship foundation's website.
3. Include three letters of recommendation from military leaders, religious leaders or work supervisors.
4. Must provide the foundation with a copy of DD214 paperwork.

### **Sgt. Shawn Michael Farrell II**

Sgt. Shawn Michael Farrell II, 24, of Accord, NY passed away on April 28, 2014, of wounds sustained while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan when forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Nejrab District, Kapisa province. At the time of his death, Shawn was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light), Fort Drum, New York. He joined the Army in September 2006. After initial-entry training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division of Fort Riley, Kansas. He arrived at Fort Drum in May 2010 and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in March 2011 and again in November 2013.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, two Afghanistan Campaign Medals, the Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Air Assault Badge. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart medal, Bronze star and a meritorious service. He completed the Warrior Leader Course, the Combat Life Savers Course and the Air Assault Course. Country, family and friends were his priorities in life. He lived a life of service with a joyfulness and playfulness that will live in the hearts and memories of those who knew and loved him best. Please help us keep his memory alive.

