

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: Graduating Ulster County Students

The SGT. Shawn M. Farrell II Scholarship Memorial Fund will offer a scholarship to a graduating senior from any Ulster County High School who applies and meets the criteria and is chosen by the award committee.

This scholarship is eligible to a student that is/has joined the military or that has been accepted by a two or four year college in the field of emergency services, with plans to complete a two or four year program. If no applicant meets this eligibility the award will go to a student applying to college whose parents are or have served in the military or emergency services.

Information can also be found on our website at www.sgtfarrellfund.org.

Criteria:

1. Applicants must submit their completed application along with an essay or video containing the following.
 - Community services are or have been involved with.
 - The reason you are applying for the scholarship.
 - What do you expect to achieve in the military/college.
 - What are your long term goals after the military /college.
2. The scholarship winner must allow any photos or video taken to share with the public on Facebook and the scholarship foundations website.
3. Include three letters of recommendation from teachers, religious leaders or work supervisors.

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, 32nd 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.

