**Zach Rahnavardi Memorial Scholarship Application**

Zach Rahnavardi was a 2012 graduate of Cedar Falls High School. He attended Coe College, Iowa State, and graduated from UNI with a degree in Manufacturing Technology. He grew up in Cedar Falls and loved the community; he made plans to make this his permanent home after graduating from UNI. Zach was described by his friends as fiercely loyal. Every one of his friends would describe Zach as the most loyal person they had ever met. He was also compassionate, creative, humorous, and knowledgeable. Zach always made everyone feel welcome and part of the group, he did not matter to Zach what your background was, he would take the time to get to know you. Zach always wanted everyone to laugh and felt his was his responsibility to make everyone around him smile. Zach’s family, friends, and faith were the most important centers in his life and he lived every day thinking of others first.

In July 2018, Zach committed suicide at the age of 24. This scholarship is given in his honor.

Zach always complained there were no scholarships available for middle class males like him with a 3.2 GPA. He always said when he was rich or when he died he was going to set up a scholarship for male students with a B average GPA.

Zach was a very creative person who thought writing lengthy essays was a waste of time. He absolutely loved memes, and could use them to describe almost any situation. He loved stupid videos and pictures as well. Some of his favorite assignments were the ones he could be creative and express himself in a unique way.

The Zach Rahnavardi Memorial Scholarship is a one-time $500 scholarship given to a high school senior male meeting the qualifications and to be used towards tuition, books, living expenses for college, a coaching authorization, or wrestling officiating certification.

Qualifications: Senior, Male, a 3.5 cumulative high school or below, Involvement in any high school extracurricular program or employment, plans to attend college or trade program after graduation from high school

To apply please submit the following:

Your name and contact information

High School you will graduate from and the year you are graduating (Two scholarships will be awarded each year and will be offered at Cedar Falls High School and Don Bosco High School)

Cumulative GPA

Extracurricular Activity/Activities or Employment

A creative depiction describing how you demonstrate the qualities Zach lived his life by every day and how family, friends, and faith are important to you. These include: loyalty, compassion, knowledge, creativity, humor, and knowledge. At least one depiction must be a meme, others may include video, pictures, a collage, or some other unique display describing how you demonstrate these qualities. Think outside the box and express yourself in a creative way that describes yourself. Include one paragraph briefly describing your story.

Applications need to be mailed by April 15, 2020 to Rahnavardi Memorial Scholarship, 3807 South Lawn Road, Cedar Falls, IA 50613