

William Magee Borgersen Memorial Fund Scholarship

William Magee Borgersen was a member of Westwood Regional High School's class of 2020. Following graduation, he pursued a career in the military and proudly became a member of the U.S. Army's 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment stationed in Savannah, Georgia. William passed away on October 6, 2022, due to a tragic shooting accident on his base. Known for his kindness, humor, compassion, optimism, and unwavering drive, Willy inspired those around him. He was committed to challenging himself and looked to find purpose in his life.

In honor of his memory, the **William Magee Borgersen Memorial Fund** was established in 2024. This annual \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Westwood High School student pursuing education through non-traditional avenues, including technical or trade schools, culinary or art institutes, certificate or vocational programs, or experiential learning opportunities. While our family values the personal growth that traditional colleges can offer, we also recognize that meaningful education takes many forms. We believe that non-traditional paths should be normalized and celebrated as valid and valuable options.

This scholarship honors William's adventurous spirit and dedication to personal growth, encouraging others to follow their unique paths.

- Please submit an essay that includes your full name, address, email, phone number, and the name of the program you plan to pursue after high school. Tell us about yourself, your interests, future plans and goals, and how receiving the *William Magee Borgersen Scholarship* would be impactful to you.
- Include TWO letters of recommendation: ONE from your guidance counselor OR a WWRSD educator; AND ONE from a personal reference supporting your application for this scholarship.
- Submit your complete application by May 5, 2025 to Ms. Debrody in the Guidance Office.

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient's school or program. Recipients are responsible for providing the Memorial Fund the necessary documentation and payment details to facilitate the disbursement.