

# MIKE ROHDE SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

2021- 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

The Mike Rohde Spirit Scholarship Award was founded in 2002 by the Fergus Falls Sertoma Club and the Rohde family. After Mike's untimely death of a hereditary heart disease in 2000 at age 51, the Mike Rohde Spirit Scholarship Award Committee was established to administer a scholarship in his name. This 2021 award is meant to honor individuals who embodies the warm, fun-loving and energetic spirit of Mike and his dedication to contributing to his community.

## CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a candidate must:

1. Be a resident of Otter Tail County for at least one year prior to submitting an application.
2. Be pursuing his/her education beyond the secondary level in one or more of the following areas: college/university; trade/vocational; or the arts.
3. Be accepted for enrollment, or enrolled in an accredited educational program beyond the secondary level.
4. Evidence the potential to successfully complete his/her selected program of study.

## METHOD OF SELECTION

A scholarship committee composed of individuals from the Rohde family, friends of Mike and Sertoma representatives, will review the application of each candidate. The recipient of the Mike Rohde Spirit Scholarship Award will be chosen on the completion of the scholarship application, which demonstrates:

- 1) ability to meet eligibility guidelines;
- 2) clarity of educational objectives;
- 3) community service and willingness to help others;
- 4) the potential to succeed.

Applications are available from:

Guidance Counselors

or

Mike Rohde Spirit Scholarship Award – 218-739-3295

Applications should be completed and returned by **March 19th** of this calendar year to the:

Mike Rohde Spirit Scholarship Award

1213 North Union Ave.

Fergus Falls, MN 56537

If you have any questions, please call 218-739-3295.

Three Mike Rohde Spirit \$1,500.00 Scholarship Awards will be awarded to recipients in the month of May, at a Sertoma noon meeting. It also may be awarded as part of your schools awards banquet.

All information obtained from this application will be held in strict confidence only to be used for purposes of selecting the recipient of the Mike Rohde Spirit Scholarship Award.

## **Mike Rohde Spirit Scholarship Award**

### **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT**

The scholarship committee, in granting financial aid, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, and national or ethnic origin.

Name\_\_\_\_\_Parents\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Home

Work

Cell

E-Mail Address

Have you lived in Otter Tail County for one year prior to submitting this application?

☐ Yes

☐ No (you are ineligible for this scholarship)

The following information is optional and will be used for demographic purposes only.

Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_Sex\_\_\_\_\_

### **EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

To what accredited program (college/university; trade/vocational/arts) have you been accepted at.

School name\_\_\_\_\_

School mailing address\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment Status: ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

What is your choice of curriculum or vocation\_\_\_\_\_

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### **EFC NUMBER**

Financial need is taken into consideration when choosing a recipient for this scholarship. Please provide us with your EFC number as reported on your FAFSA form.

EFC#\_\_\_\_\_.

Current Educational Background

☐ High School Attending:\_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Graduation:\_\_\_\_\_ GPA:\_\_\_\_\_

(Attach Transcript)

☐ College Attending:\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Date of Graduation:\_\_\_\_\_ GPA:\_\_\_\_\_

(Attach Transcript)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Share with us about your family.

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List school activities, work experience and your volunteer work in which you have participated that you feel are important.

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List any special awards or honors you have received.

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On attached sheets, please provide additional information regarding your background, goals, aspirations, accomplishments, dreams, hopes, or other information that would help the scholarship review committee evaluate your request for consideration. Your submission should include, but not be limited to, answers to the following questions. Please do not exceed 2 paragraphs per question:

- Why are you pursuing a higher education?
- Why do you feel helping others/community service is important?
- Describe your most memorable experience while in service to others.
- What do you do for enjoyment (hobbies, spare-time activities)?
- Do you have any special financial needs for your future education?
- Why should you be selected for this scholarship?

**Please include at least two letters of recommendation, one from an educational source and one from a service contact. Select persons who have knowledge of your abilities and talents.**

I have read and understand the criteria of eligibility and the method of selection regarding the Mike Rohde Spirit Scholarship Award. My signature attests that the answers given on this application are accurate and complete. I understand that if I am the recipient of this scholarship, my name could be published in local news publications.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

The Mike Rohde Spirit Scholarship Award Board would like to thank you for your time and effort that you put into this application for this 18th annual scholarship. We appreciate your interest in this scholarship and wish you the best.