

Jake Meinert Memorial Scholarship

Description

The Jake Meinert Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the life of LCpl Jake “Slim” Meinert, a 2007 Fort Atkinson High School graduate. Jake was a proud Marine who completed a tour of duty in Iraq and was serving a second tour in Afghanistan when, on Jan. 10, 2010, he was killed in action while leading his fire team into position to protect the rest of his squad.

In his senior portfolio, Jake wrote, “To go beyond the abilities of your mind and body is courage . . . courage allows the ordinary to become great.” He knew the importance of building the mind, so after serving in Iraq and before leaving for Afghanistan, he made sure that his siblings were committed to seeking a post-secondary education. Now to honor his memory, his family has decided to use the funds raised in his honor to help other young people with their next step.



LCpl Jake Meinert

Full payment of this scholarship is made in one year.

Eligibility

Eligible students are graduating seniors at Fort Atkinson High School who are pursuing a post-secondary program at an accredited vocational or technical school.

Selection

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of a representative of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, the Superintendent of the Fort Atkinson School District (or his/her designee), a teacher at Fort Atkinson High School, a member of the community recruited by the Community Foundation, and a member or representative of the Meinert family, if available.

The committee will consider the applicants’ commitment to reaching their post-secondary goals and their plan for how to get there. Financial need is a very serious consideration.