



RYAN M. ADAMS

Memorial Scholarship

2026 Application

Eagle Scouts who are currently in high school or college are eligible to apply. Please type your responses. Hand-written or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Responses can be as long or as short as you deem appropriate. Application is due on or before April 1, 2026.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Troop # / Town _____

Scoutmaster: _____

Scoutmaster phone: _____ Scoutmaster e-mail: _____

Date of Eagle Scout Award _____

Age at time of earning Eagle Scout Award _____

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*Staple here a recent photo of
yourself with your name
printed on the back of it.
(Photos will not be returned.)*

Name / Town of high school:

Date of high school graduation: _____

Post high school graduation plans:

Date of anticipated college graduation (if applicable):

Signature:

This scholarship is in honor of Ryan Michael Adams. Ryan earned his Eagle Scout Award in May 2011 at the age of thirteen. He went on to earn four Eagle Palm Awards and the Pope Pius XII and Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem Awards. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow and was elected the Crew Chaplain for his Philmont trek. Ryan was an active leader in his troop, Ridgefield Troop 76, serving as the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (seven terms), Troop Guide (two terms) and Patrol Leader. He was nominated for and attended the Youth Leadership Conference in January 2012 and earned the Year-Round Camper Award in September 2009.

In the spring of 2015, Ryan was named the Connecticut American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year and the Connecticut VFW Scout of the Year. He was a Boys State Delegate in 2014, elected Boys' State Treasurer, received the Stempick Award for outstanding boy in his town, returned to Boys State in 2015 as a Junior Leader, and was the CFO of the Connecticut Boys and Girls State Foundation.

Ryan was a skilled outdoorsman, was proficient at knot tying, backpacking, and camping, and enjoyed sailing, scuba diving, skiing, rock climbing, surfing, golf and squash. Ryan demonstrated high academic standards and had a genuine love of learning. He was interested in studying economics and international relations in college. He was a voracious reader, particularly about World War II and Finance. His high school advisor called him a "Renaissance Man" because of his varied interests, talents and knowledge.

Above all else, Ryan epitomized the Boy Scout motto. Ryan was a kind, thoughtful, considerate and respectful boy. He truly cared about other people and put them above himself. He lived by the Golden Rule in every aspect of his life whether it was teaching a special needs scout how to tie knots, doing numerous hours of community service or performing everyday acts of kindness.

Sadly, Ryan was the innocent passenger in a tragic plane crash that stole his life on September 20, 2015, seven days after his eighteenth birthday. He had started his freshman year at Colgate University four weeks earlier and had graduated from St. Luke's School in New Canaan the preceding June. His parents and sister are heartbroken and miss Ryan very much.

This scholarship will be awarded to the Eagle Scout who best exemplifies the type of person, scout and student Ryan is.

- 1) Explain why you would be a deserving recipient of the Ryan M. Adams Memorial Scholarship.

- 2) **Ryan jumped into scouting as a Tiger Scout. When did you join scouting? Describe some early scouting memories.**
- 3) **List leadership positions held in Scouting and dates held.**
- 4) **List Scouting awards received and dates received.**
- 5) **Describe your Eagle Scout Project, including why you chose the project. Attach pictures or other information as appropriate.**

6) High School GPA ____ / Scale ____

College GPA (if applicable) ____ / Scale ____

7) Ryan was a learner in every sense of the word. Describe yourself as a learner. What interests you?

8) What is important to you?

- 9) Ryan loved adventure and experiencing new things. Describe how you have that same sense of adventure or have tried something out of your comfort zone.
- 10) Ryan was passionate about the outdoors. Tell us about your most memorable outdoor experience.
- 11) Describe any other organizations, activities, positions held, length of service, awards received or any other information that you would like considered.

12) Please note the names and roles within Boy Scouts, school or community of the people from whom you will get your three required recommendations and the reason why each of these people was chosen.

(1) Scout unit

Name :

Role / Title:

Reason chosen:

(2) Your school

Name :

Role / Title:

Reason chosen:

(3) Your community

Name :

Role / Title:

Reason chosen:

Press Release Waiver

In the event of your selection as a scholarship recipient, we may issue a press release. To do this, we need your permission. Your decision, in no way, affects our selection process.

I, _____, give permission to the Connecticut Yankee Council to release my name and photograph for the purpose of recognizing my award of a Ryan M. Adams Memorial Scholarship.

By this authorization, I understand and agree that no recipient shall receive remuneration and that all rights, title and interest to the photos and/or text and their use belongs to the Connecticut Yankee Council.

I also understand that members of the press may request interviews with recipients, and that the recipients have the right to decline such interviews. This agreement is in effect until December 31st of the scholarship award year.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old)

Name and Address of Your Local Newspaper (if available):

Application Package Checklist

- ☐ 1. Complete application and mail to CYC. Application must be typed.
- ☐ 2. Staple a photograph of yourself to the front of the application.
- ☐ 3. Three signed letters of recommendation must be mailed directly to CYC.
 - One from your Scout unit
 - One from your school
 - One from your community
- ☐ 4. An official high school and college (if applicable) transcript must be sent directly to CYC.
- ☐ 5. Applicants may be invited to interview in person.
- ☐ 6. All parts of the application package must be postmarked by April 1, 2026. Application package must be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

All application materials should be mailed to:

Connecticut Yankee Council
Attn: Ryan M. Adams Memorial Scholarship Committee
60 Wellington Road
Milford, Connecticut 06461