

David Scheidecker Memorial Scholarship



David Scheidecker ("Shy") was a dedicated English teacher, theater director, and Speech coach. At the beginning of each Speech season, he would tell the students there are Four Pillars to life: Education, Faith, Health, and Family...all other involvement in co-curricular activities, including Speech, is secondary to these; nevertheless, Shy was a firm believer that participation in Speech is invaluable throughout a person's life.

David Scheidecker passed away suddenly at the young age of 56. In honor of his life and work, we are pleased to offer the David Scheidecker Memorial Scholarship. Shy was a seeker; he believed in and loved education. He never missed the opportunity to learn about anything, and it was his goal to pass this passion for learning on to his students.

This award is specifically for students who participated in and benefited from Speech. The scholarship has been developed to encourage what Shy believed in...continuing education.

"Seek the company of those looking for the truth..."

-V. Havel

Eligibility Criteria

- The candidate must be a **Neuqua Valley High School graduating senior**.
- The candidate must have participated on a Speech Team for a minimum of **3 years**. If the candidate participated on a Speech Team other than Neuqua Valley, a letter from the former coach needs to be included with the application verifying participation.
- The candidate must have been a member of the Neuqua Valley Speech Team as a **senior for the entire season**.
- The candidate must have a **3.25** GPA or better.
- The candidate must submit **verification** of conditional acceptance to - and use this award for the full-time attendance at - a college (two or four years), university, trade school, or vocational school.
- There are no restrictions regarding which college, university, trade school or vocational school the candidate is attending. As well, there are no restrictions based on the candidate's intended major.
- The candidate must be a U.S. citizen.
- There are no restrictions regarding race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or physical disability.
- Eligibility is **not** based upon financial need.
- The candidate must complete and submit (3) copies of the scholarship application to Mr. Pontarelli by the deadline of **Monday, April 20, 2015**.
- The application must include a **typed essay** (as stated in the application form) no longer than two pages, double-spaced, Times New Roman, font size 12.

- *What have you gained from participation in Speech that you will carry with you through your life?*
- *How have the Four Pillars helped determine the type of person you currently are and hope to become?*

Scholarship Application

Name

Home Address

Home Telephone Number

Grade Point Average

School or Institute the Candidate will attend in Fall 2015

List years in Speech and events participated in

List your top three accomplishments in Speech

Other extracurricular school activities

Accompanying this application, include the following:

- 1. Essay addressing the issues in the "Eligibility Criteria"***
- 2. If applicable, letter from former Speech Coach validating participation.***

Important Award Information

- The David Scheidecker Memorial Scholarship for 2015 will be one scholarship of \$1,000.00
- Award winner will be expected to receive the award at the Senior Awards Assembly (date TBA).
- Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the applicant's chosen institution of higher learning, not to the applicant directly.