

Gary Ray Davis

Emergency Medical Services Scholarship Award



The Gary Ray Davis EMS scholarship was created to provide a financial opportunity for an individual who has genuine interest in the Emergency Medical Services profession to pursue a career in service to his/her community. The ideal candidate should possess many of the characteristics and qualities that Gary exhibited in his life: passion, loyalty, compassion, ambition and dedication.

Captain Gary Ray Davis was a passionate man who lived his life to the fullest. He was a multi-talented individual with many interests and excelled in the Emergency Medical Services field. After graduating from Person Senior High School in 1987 he wanted to drive an ambulance. Gary had a deep sense of duty and was keenly interested in taking care of people. His first experience in the Emergency Services arena was as a volunteer with the Leasburg Fire Department. Later he became an Emergency Medical Technician with Caswell County EMS. On April 17, 1989, Gary accepted a full-time EMT position with Person County EMS.

Gary aspired for more and went back to school to pursue Paramedic certification. At that time, no one else in Person County had this certification, so Gary was a trailblazer in this area for our community. On April 23, 1993 he achieved certification status as a NC EMT Paramedic, one of the first in Person County to hold this certification. The Person County EMS Captains were also trained to serve as the Medical Examiners.

At the time of his death, Gary was a Captain with 25 years of service and held the distinction of being only one of four Paramedic Captains who also served Medical Examiners for the County.

To really understand the depths of his passion, knowledge and talents, here are some things his colleagues and patients had to say about him:

“Gary was a wonderful and caring man to anyone he came into contact with. He would do anything for anyone. “

“Heaven needed an EMS worker and only the best get to go to Heaven.”

“We have never known anyone who had a more genuine smile and cared so much for others.”

“I do not know anyone in Gary’s family and I am not sure he would remember me, although I think he was the kind of person who would have. I had bilateral knee replacements a few years back, and I had severe infection that led to one knee being removed, making it extremely hard for me to get around. The day I returned from the hospital, I could not get up the stairs onto the deck of my house in order to get to bed, and my family did not know how to help me, I was in such pain. They called the emergency number, and Gary showed up in a pickup with a few other guys a few minutes later and made the whole thing easy, being kind and even flattering this old lady who was terrible embarrassed by the whole thing. It is people like Gary who God loves most, and who will not be forgotten.”

“Working with Gary at EMS for the past 6 years was a blessing for me. He was THE best medic I ever had the experience of knowing and getting to learn from.”

Gary enjoyed imparting his knowledge to those who were willing and eager to learn. This scholarship provides an avenue for continued learning, in his name, beyond his death.

Applicants Should:

- Complete the application (below)
- Submit three letters of recommendation pertaining to the applicant’s character and personality
- A one page (maximum) essay outlining why you are the best candidate and why the scholarship should be awarded to you should also be attached

Award: One (1) five hundred dollar (\$500) scholarship will be awarded to a student from Person or Caswell County.

History Note: Established 2015; Revised February 2018

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Emergency Medical Services Scholarship Application

Interested students should submit their completed application to the PCC Foundation Office located in Building A on the Person County Campus. Applicant can also mail application to:
PCC Foundation, P.O. Box 1101, Roxboro, NC 27573.

Letters of recommendation should be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the applicant's name on them and submitted to the PCC Foundation Office located in Building D on the Person County Campus. Applicant can also mail application to:
PCC Foundation, P.O. Box 1101, Roxboro, NC 27573.

A committee of family members, EMS personnel, and a PCC Representative will determine the Scholarship recipient.

Steps:

- 1) Complete and submit the following application
- 2) Submit a one (maximum) essay outlining why you are the best candidate and why you should be the next scholarship recipient
- 3) Use the attached forms for your three letters of recommendation

Applicant Personal Information: (confidential)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Letter of Recommendation: #1

The following applicant has applied for the Gary Ray Davis EMS Scholarship Fund. A scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who exemplifies similar qualities that Gary possessed: passion, ambition, compassion, dedication, fierce loyalty and a genuine interest in the Emergency Medical Services. Please help us identify the best candidate for the scholarship by answering the following questions about the applicant.

Name of Applicant _____

Your Name/Position _____

Email Address/Contact Information _____

How long have you know the applicant and in what context? _____

Please explain why this applicant would be a good selection for this scholarship. Include examples of his/her character, personality and strengths. You may attach a typed letter if that is easier, thank you.

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