

Thomas S. Alexander Scholarship

Staff Sgt Thomas S. Alexander (Tommy) was a proud 1995 graduate of Springfield South High School. He was the third and youngest child of Steve and Judy Alexander. Growing up, he enjoyed participating in football, baseball, basketball and wrestling.

Tommy always knew he wanted to be a Marine and couldn't wait to serve his country in the USMC. He was delayed joining the Marines for a year due to a knee injury from wrestling that occurred during his senior year of high school. He eventually recovered from knee surgery, and joined a year later than originally planned.

With hard work and determination, Tommy graduated with the prestigious company ironman award from boot camp. He served in multiple recon groups, where he excelled in extremely dangerous missions. He was deployed countless times over the next ten years and received many commendations. Tommy was highly regarded amongst his superiors and peers.

After being honorably discharged, Tommy struggled for many years in silence and eventually lost his battle with PTSD in November 2019.

Our hope is that Tommy will never be forgotten and so an annual, non renewable, \$2,000 scholarship was created in 2021 to honor his memory.

Since 2021, \$10,000 in scholarships have been awarded to Clark County students. Three additional \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded in the spring of 2024.

Information on how to apply is listed below. Good luck!

Criteria:

- 1) Must be a 2024 graduating high school senior from a Clark County, Ohio high school.
- 2) GPA 3.0 or higher
- 3) Applicant must be pursuing higher education at a 2- or 4-year college and/or trade program.
- 4) Participation in at least one extracurricular activity.

Apply:

- 1) Online between January 26, 2024 and March 8, 2024.
- 2) Submit the following information via email to tsamemorialscholarship@gmail.com
 - a) Information sheet
 - b) High school transcript with current GPA
 - c) Essay
 - d) Two reference letters from teacher, coach, school counselor, leader of club/organization, employer, and/or clergy.

Winner of \$2,000 scholarship(s) to be notified March 22, 2024.

Information Sheet

- 1) Name:
- 2) Home School:
- 3) What college, trade school will you be attending after graduation?
- 4) What degree do you plan to pursue?
- 5) What do you hope to accomplish with your degree?
- 6) What extracurricular activities do you participate in?
- 7) Are you currently employed? If so, how many hours a week?
- 8) Where do you see yourself in five years?
- 9) How do you plan to utilize this scholarship?
- 10) Why are you the best candidate for the Thomas S. Alexander scholarship?
- 11) Using five words or less, how would your peers describe you?

Essay question

Describe a person or event (positive or negative) that shaped you into the person you are today. How will you use it to shape your future? What do you want your legacy to be?