

Donald Steven Brown Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors the memory of Donald Steven Brown who graduated from Roxbury High School in 2005. Upon graduation he followed his dream and became a United States Marine. He was killed in action in Haditha, Iraq on October 25, 2006. He loved the Marines and chose to serve his country. He also loved playing football and running track in his senior year at Roxbury. Don loved being competitive and staying in shape so he was prepared to serve his country.

Criteria:

1. Open to all male and female track athletes or football players attending a 2 yr. or 4 yr. college.
2. Minimum GPA of 2.5
3. Graduating Senior
4. Well-rounded student with excellent character and integrity. A student with the ability to have friends who are from all walks of life and be able to know them well and respect their differences.

Instructions:

1. Include with your application an essay of the following subject: Why is it important to have men and women willing to serve this country to protect our freedoms and why are these freedoms important to you?
2. Essay must be typewritten, double spaced and font size 12 and 1 ½ to 2 pages.
3. Completely fill out this application with as much detail as possible.
4. Semifinalists may be asked to attend an interview at a later date.
5. Return completed applications to the Guidance Office by **March 22, 2010**.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Application:

1. Give name and phone numbers of two references, excluding family members.

2. List other scholarships or grants for which you have applied or have received, including source.

3. Name and location of the school to which you have been accepted or planning to enroll.

4. List other high school sports, activities, etc. you have done in your high school years.

Thank a Soldier

"Submitted by a Faithful OUR TOWN Reader"

Back in September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks out of her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

Looking around, confused, they asked, "Ms. Cothren, where're our desks?" She replied, "You can't have a desk until you tell me what you have done to earn the right to sit at a desk."

They thought, "Well, maybe it's our grades." "No," she said "Maybe it's our behavior." She told them, "No, it's not even your behavior."

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom, all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the deskless classroom, Martha Cothren said, "Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he/she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you."

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it."



If you can read this thank a teacher!

If you can read it in English thank an American soldier!