

The **ADAM NATHANIEL POPE COURAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND** is a memorial to the strength of character, courage, and perseverance demonstrated throughout his life by Adam Nathaniel Pope, a 2008 graduate of Winters Mill High School.

Adam was born with a condition known as “posterior urethral valves”, causing great damage to the renal system while in the womb. Adam had over 15 surgeries by the time he was 10 years old.

Despite constant illness and hospitalization during his 26 years, Adam tried his best to maintain a “normal” life. After graduating high school, Adam worked as a waiter. His love and passion for cooking led him to enroll in culinary school at Stratford University. Adam always delighted in sharing his culinary creations and skills with family and friends. Preparing Thanksgiving dinner for family was one of his greatest joys.

Adam had a great love for SUPERHEROS. Maybe the possibility of super-human powers embodied in the Marvel and Justice League characters led Adam to dream beyond his medical limitations, imagining these powers lived within him.

Adam struggled with dialysis over the course of 8 years, daily medication compliance, managing depression, and the eventual rejection of the donated kidney. Still, Adam never complained – he remained upbeat.

Adam taught us courage to push on when you know serious challenges are waiting around the very next corner, strength to accept the fact that we cannot always fix what is broken, courage to look beyond the obstacles that stare us in the face and then to find a reason to live. Adam had a beautiful spirit, loving energy, and an audacious attitude that always lit up the room. Adam taught us

**“To Live and Love, Now, in this Moment”.**

The scholarship awards will be based on character, not academics. The Award will be paid directly to the educational institution the recipient attends after graduation from Winters Mill High School.

Scholarship Award Criteria:

Scholarship candidates must:

1. Demonstrate the strength of character, courage, and perseverance to overcome great physical, emotional, health or other obstacles or challenges in their life.
2. Fulfill all requirements to graduate from Winters Mill High School.
3. Formally matriculate at an educational institution within 24 months after graduation.
4. Submit their nomination or be nominated for the scholarship by a WMHS teacher, WMHS guidance counselor, coach or other staff member.

Refer to the Scholarship website for additional details regarding nominations.

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***The Adam Nathaniel Pope Courage Scholarship Fund***

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