

Ryan Coe Memorial Scholarship

After a two-year fight, Ryan Robert Edward Coe died from complications arising from cancer on December 2, 2008 at the age of 15. He would have been in the PBL Class of 2011. Ryan loved the outdoors, and he loved sports. He liked to build things, depending on his own creativity and sometimes finding resources for his projects in unlikely places. In honor of his courage, his determination, his resourcefulness, and his enthusiasm for life, his parents Michele and Todd Coe have established the Ryan Coe Memorial Scholarship.

Administered by the PBL Education Foundation, the scholarship will honor each year one graduating senior from PBL High school with a one-time \$1000 award. Applicants must show evidence of at least a 2.0 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0) and must plan to enroll full-time at an accredited two- or four- year college, university, or trade/vocational school. (Proof of enrollment will be required for release of scholarship payment after the award is announced.)

Applications will be available at the PBL High School Guidance Office and on-line at the PBL website and at www.pblfoundation.org.

Applications for the 2009-2010 school year must be mailed directly to the following address and must have a postmark dated no later than **March 15**:

PBL Education Foundation
Ryan Coe Memorial Scholarship
P.O. Box 192
Paxton, IL 60957

Any application not postmarked by **March 15** will be ineligible for consideration for the scholarship. For more information concerning this scholarship, please contact pbl@pblfoundation.org.

The recipient will be selected on basis of the following weighted criteria:

1. Written essay
2. Two references from non-family members, one of whom must be a teacher. It would also be appropriate to ask an employer, a youth leader at church, a scout leader, or some other person from the community that knows the student well.

3. Because Ryan was passionately interested in the outdoors and especially in conservation, one part of the selection process will be based on the student's choice of major. All graduating seniors with a C average may apply; however, students intending to major in ag sciences, natural sciences, environmental studies and conservation will be given extra points.

Applications will be evaluated and the recipient chosen by the scholarship committee of the PBL Education Foundation. Their decision will be final.

RYAN COE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Administered by the Paxton-Buckley-Loda Education Foundation

Applications must be submitted by mail with a postmark dated no later than March 15, 2010, to:

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Cover page/Student Identification

Date: _____

Student's Name

First

Middle

Last

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Student ID Number (*leave blank; to be assigned by Scholarship Committee*): _____

Post-High School Educational Plans:

Name of School I Plan to Attend: _____

___2-Year College ___4-Year College ___Trade/Vocational (*indicate number of years in program*)

Course of Study/Major _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

High School Counselor/Administrator's Signature and Certification of a GPA of no less than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale:

Essay

Student ID Number: *(to be filled in by scholarship committee)*_____

All students applying for this scholarship must submit a typed essay on the following topic:

Tell us about your career choice. What do you want to become? Why? What do you hope to accomplish in the course of your career?

Note to Applicant: Print two copies of this form and give them to the two people you have chosen. Remember that at least one must be a teacher, and neither of them can be related to you.

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Reference Form

_____ has chosen you to write a reference for his application for the Ryan Coe Memorial Scholarship. We would like you to address the following three questions. Please take as much space as you feel is appropriate.

1. Being president of a club or captain of a team does not automatically prove leadership ability. If the candidate has shown true leadership qualities in these kinds of roles, by all means tell us about it. However, leadership can also be shown in the classroom and sometimes in very quiet ways. Please describe to us the specific ways in which this student has shown leadership.
2. What would you name as this student's most prominent character trait? Describe specific examples in which you observed the trait in the student.
3. Ryan showed creativity and initiative. He cut willow branches to make his own snow shoes. When a bathroom floor was ruined by flooding, he salvaged the wood and built a basketball court in the garage. Describe examples of this student's creativity. Your examples can be academic or very practical problem-solving abilities. They may involve a different way of perceiving a situation or evidence of any kind of out-of-the box thinking.

Your reference must be postmarked no later than **March 15th** for the candidate to be eligible and it should be sent directly to

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