

Robby Hale “Make a Difference” Memorial Scholarship

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”
John 15:13

During the celebration weekend of July 4, 2012, an act of courage by Robby Hale forever impacted the lives of his family and the community. Robby and his family stopped their boat to help stranded swimmers who had gotten away from their own boat. The waters, which had been calm moments earlier, became violent as a sudden storm appeared. Without hesitation, Robby jumped into the turbulent waters to save the three people. He gave his lifejacket to one of the individuals. Robby’s selfless act, in saving the lives of others, cost him his own life.

Because of Robby’s efforts to “make a difference” in others he did not know, we have established the Robby Hale “Make a Difference” Memorial Scholarship to recognize outstanding students who also choose to make difference in the lives of others. The scholarship committee is seeking to identify graduating seniors from the Union County, MS High Schools and the New Albany MS High School who exemplify the principles of Robby’s life...serving others...never seeking to be seen as a hero.

Scholarship Criteria and Evaluation Process

Only graduating high school seniors attending a Union County or New Albany, MS high school are eligible to apply. Successful applicants must be planning to attend a Mississippi community college, college, or university. The \$1000 per scholarship winner awarded will be paid directly in the immediate fall semester to the Mississippi college or university in which the student enrolls. If the student is chosen as a scholarship recipient and does not enroll for the upcoming fall semester or selects a college outside of Mississippi, the scholarship money must be forfeited and a runner up may be selected.

The deadline for this application to be submitted to the student’s high school counselor is April 25 at 3pm.

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1. Applicant must be a graduating senior at a Union County or New Albany, MS high school.
2. An application must be completed in full by each applicant.
3. One letter of recommendation from a community leader (not related to the applicant) must accompany the application.
4. The selection of the scholarship winner(s) will be made by the Robby Hale Memorial Scholarship Committee.

5. Considerations and rankings will be based upon the following:
- Making a positive difference in his/her school, home, church, and community through the demonstration of unselfish acts, traits, and leadership qualities.
 - Academically average or above.
 - Moral character/integrity.
 - Demonstrated past/current community service and volunteerism.
6. The committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applicants.

Application:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

High School Graduation Date: _____

School Attending Currently: _____

Parents or Guardian: _____

Contact phone: _____

Email: _____

Extracurricular Activities:

Future Plans: _____
