William 'Will' Charleton Bridges Scholarship

ABOUT THE FUND

Will Bridges was an honor student and basketball player at Fairmont Senior High School and was attending Fairmont State University when he was killed in July 2005 at the age of 21. After his death, family members and friends organized community events and fund-raising activities under the theme, “Willing to Change Barriers” in our society, which uses Will’s initials, WCB. Proceeds from the events were used to initiate a fund to provide scholarship assistance to a Fairmont Senior High School senior who plans to attend Fairmont State University.

“This is what Will wanted,” says his sister, Neshia Bridges of Fairmont. “Will was a giving person who loved kids and loved being a mentor to them. Our family created this scholarship to remember him while helping other students attend college at Fairmont State. We want to preserve Will’s legacy by promoting the love of God and love for our fellow man.”

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Applicants must be a student from Fairmont Senior High School with at least a 3.0 grade point average. To be eligible, the student must plan to attend Fairmont State University after high school graduation. Applicants must also submit an essay describing why their reasons for attending college.

To apply, please visit www.ycfwv.org/scholarships.

HOW CAN I DONATE?

The scholarship is managed by Your Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia, Inc. (YCF). YCF is a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization eligible to receive donations.

Any individual, organization, or business can make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund. Donations are accepted in the form of checks, credit cards, stocks and through bequests. To donate online, click on the “Donate” link on the YCF website, www.ycfwv.org. You may enter a name of a specific fund during the checkout process. Alternatively, donations by check may be made payable to "YCF" and mailed to the address below. Checks should include the name of the fund in the memo line.

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