



FACT SHEET

Jacob David Bower Scholarship Fund



Jacob David Bower

<u>Established:</u>	2011
<u>Type of Endowment:</u>	Donor-Advised Scholarship Fund
<u>Donor(s):</u>	Dean and Ginger Bower
<u>Honoree(s):</u>	The late Jacob David Bower of Fairmont, WV

About the Fund

A scholarship fund in memory of Jacob David Bower has been established at Your Community Foundation by his father and mother, Dean and Ginger Bower of Fairmont, WV. Jacob was a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point when he was called to heaven on July 21, 2011.

Jacob was raised in Fairmont, graduated from East Fairmont High School with the Class of 2011 and was a member of the East Side Bee Family. Jacob also attended Fairmont Senior High School for an AP course. Jacob, a top scholar and athlete, was a loyal, driven and disciplined young man. He was most happy when he was with his family, his loving girlfriend, Emily Domico, and friends. He loved books and many sports such as football, basketball, baseball, golf and weight training. Jacob was working out with the crew team at West Point and planned to try out in August.

He was a person of great character, thus in his graduation speech he quoted from the book *"In Search of Ethics"*: "In the end, your character is your destiny and you are the architect of your own character." Because Jacob was a positive role model for so many, and will continue to be an inspiration to all who knew him, his family would like to leave you with his own words: "In order to achieve a truly content and absolute life, we must base our thoughts and actions on that which is righteous and true."

"We are proud to help establish this scholarship fund on behalf of Jacob David Bower and his family," said Beth Fuller, president of the community foundation. "A lot of individuals, organizations and businesses contributed money to make this scholarship possible, and we are honored that the Bowers have entrusted us to manage, invest and increase this fund and to make annual grants to deserving students."

Eligibility Guidelines

Recipients of this scholarship must be a graduating senior from a Marion County, West Virginia, high school demonstrating strength of character, high academic promise, participated in at least one varsity sport and exhibited commitment and leadership qualities through involvement in school and community activities. Students must provide a recommendation from a teacher or counselor and at least one coach.

How Can I Donate?

The scholarship will be managed by Your Community Foundation, which will invest the funds to maximize their value. The net annual income from those investments shall constitute the amount of the scholarship award. Any individual, organization or business can make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund.

To make a donation, or to get more information, contact Your Community Foundation, P.O. Box 409, Morgantown, WV 26507. Call us at (304) 296-3433 or visit our web site at www.ycfwv.org.