About the Fund

The family of Matthew Wolfe has established the Matthew D. “Biggie” Wolfe Culinary Arts and Hospitality Memorial Scholarship to provide financial assistance to a student who aspires to enroll in a culinary arts program or enter the hospitality field.

Matthew, who passed away July 13, 2012, was well known in the Morgantown area for his talent as a chef and as a business entrepreneur. He graduated from University High School in 1989 and attended Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I., where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1992 with an associate degree in Culinary Arts and a bachelor’s degree in Hospitality.

He went on to work in the restaurant industry for several years before beginning his career as a small business owner. This scholarship will honor his memory and serve to enable a student with similar ambition to succeed. He is greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

Eligibility Guidelines

Eligible for the scholarship are Monongalia County students who have completed their junior year in high school, have achieved a cumulative 3.0 GPA, are currently enrolled in an accredited post-secondary school or other post-secondary culinary arts and/or food and hospitality training program and have a career goal of becoming a chef or working in the food and hospitality industry.

Applicants will be required to submit for consideration a minimum recommendation from a teacher or counselor addressing whether the student has performed up to his or her potential. Additional statements are encouraged.

In addition, to receive the scholarship, applicants must demonstrate their intent to enroll as a full-time student in an eligible culinary arts or food and hospitality institution by submitting a verification of enrollment or verification from a technical or trade school upon selection.

The recipient must also include an essay about the fondest cooking memory that inspired his or her cooking passion.

How Can I Donate?

All donations to the “Biggie” Wolfe Scholarship Fund and other funds managed by YCF are invested to increase their value, with net income from these investments paid out annually to meet the requirements and donor objectives of the fund. While the net income is dispersed, the original endowments and any subsequent contributions to them remain intact and continue to grow from year to year.

Individuals, organizations and businesses are encouraged to contribute any amount of money to one or more of the endowments managed by YCF. Additional donations will help the endowments to grow over the years and will increase the net income used to provide yearly grants.

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