

RYAN FUQUA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Address

P.O. BOX 120003
Arlington, TX 76012

Application Deadline

December 31, 2025



Contact

Patsy Garner
ACA Optimist Club, ACAO

Email Address

Acafinancialaid@gmail.com

Scholarships and Amount

UP To \$1,000.00

Scholarship Description

To be eligible for an award from the Ryan Fuqua Memorial Scholarship

- Applicants must be a graduating senior pursuing an associate/trades school or a bachelor's degree as a full-time student at an accredited educational institution or academy.
- Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
Must have played on at least 1 ACAO Football Team
- Volunteered their time with ACA Optimist club

The recipients of the Ryan Fuqua Memorial Scholarship will be notified by electronic communication by March 31, 2026.

Submission

To be considered for the Ryan Fuqua Memorial Scholarship, please complete the following application, submit a photocopy of your most recent report card or high school transcript, a headshot photograph, and a letter of recommendation from a current or former member of the ACA Optimist Club. These documents can be sent to Acafinancialaid@gmail.com

About Ryan Fuqua

Ryan Fuqua, a heart of gold, played Optimist Football for all 8 years from Prek-6th grade when he aged out of the program, then continued to play until his Freshman Year at Martin High School. His coaches would say he leaves his heart on the field and plays 200% no matter what the score was. He played for the love of the game. He was a proud Christian and was a part of the youth group at Rush Creek Church. He loved everyone. No matter who you were, where you were from, where you lived, Ryan was someone you could call your friend. He was a part of the Arlington ISD Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center where he was learning to weld.

He planned on earning his certificate in welding and going to college for a degree in business so that he could take over the family business in the future.

Ryan loved being outdoors, camping, riding four wheelers, paintballing, and blasting his rap music in the house and in his truck, which he was so proud of.

Sadly, Ryan Passed away November 15, 2000. Ryan would have graduated this past May – Class of 2022.

Ryan's Legacy will continue to live on through this memorial scholarship. This award will be presented to one High School senior from local area High Schools. The amount awarded is UP TO \$1000.00 as determined by the scholarship committee. The scholarship recipient will receive a check made out to the post secondary education institution, trade school or or academy of their choice. (No checks will be made out to the scholarship recipient or parents).

If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact Patsy Garner at:

Acafinancialaid@gmail.com, or via phone 817-999-3241

Thank you!

ACA Optimist Club
Scholarship Committee

2025 Ryan Fuqua Scholarship Fund

Name: _____

High School: _____

Email Address: _____

College / Trade School Attending 2025: _____

Area of Interest: _____

GPA: _____

Class Rank: _____

Team Participated with Optimist Football:

Teams Affiliated: _____

Football Coach: _____

What do you love to do outside of School? _____

Community Involvement: (Other Events and/or Volunteerism)

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