

OFFICER SCOTT A. WERTZ MEMORIAL WILSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND
of Berks County Community Foundation
APPLICATION

Officer Scott A. Wertz was a life-long resident of Berks County, Pennsylvania. He attended Reading and Wilson School Districts before graduating from Wilson High School in 1984. He graduated from the Reading Police Academy in 1994 and again in 1997. Prior to that he worked as a Correctional Officer at Berks County Prison and also worked part-time for the Sinking Spring and South Heidelberg Township Police Departments. He joined the Reading Police Department in 1997. He worked in the Patrol Division, was an FTO, and was on the Auto Theft Task Force – a part of the criminal investigations division. On August 6, 2006, Officer Wertz died in the line of duty. At the time of his death he was survived by a wife and two sons.

Throughout his life, Officer Wertz exemplified what service and heroism are all about. He excelled in his profession. He lived life with zest and charisma. His service made a difference in his community. He touched many people’s lives in many ways. He always had a smile on his face. He loved his family, friends, football, playing softball, his job, the Dallas Cowboys, the New York Yankees, the City of Reading, and life. He died doing what he loved to do. He truly was a hero, not just in how he died but in how he lived as well. This scholarship was established in 2006 by Scott’s family to honor his memory.

Scholarship description

The fund will make distributions to support one or more scholarships for graduating seniors from Wilson High School who plan to continue their education after high school, with preference given to students planning a career in law enforcement, law, criminal justice or a related field.

The recipients will be good citizens in school and the community. Along with the application, applicants are required to write and submit an essay which includes a description of their career aspirations and also addresses the following quote by Arthur Ashe, and what it means to them: *“True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.”* Arthur Ashe was a prominent tennis player and also known for his efforts to further social causes. This quote exemplifies what Officer Scott A. Wertz was all about.

Complete the following and submit the application and attachments to Berks County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 212, Reading, PA 19603 by March 31st.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Year you will graduate from Wilson High School: _____

Years you attended Wilson High School: _____

Post-Secondary Education Information

Educational institution you will be attending:

Intended major: _____

Awards and Scholarships

List any graduation awards/scholarships you have already received or anticipate receiving. Do not include loans that must be repaid. _____

School Activity Involvement (List any school clubs, sports, or musical activities you have participated in throughout high school and any significant accomplishments in those activities of which you are proud.)

Community Involvement (List any community organizations you are involved with, i.e. church, clubs, nonprofit organizations, etc. Also list what your role is in those organizations and any significant accomplishments in those organizations of which you are proud.)

Attachments

- Write an essay – no more than 2 pages - which includes a description of your career aspirations and also addresses the following quote by Arthur Ashe, and what it means to you. *“True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.”*
- Attach a copy of your high school transcript.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

Berks County Community Foundation employees, board members and scholarship committee members are not eligible to apply or be nominated, nor are their immediate family members. Immediate families include spouses, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, stepgrandchildren. The ineligibility period extends five years after service or employment terminates.