

- *The Annual Tim Wilder Memorial*

Overcoming Obstacles Scholarship

Multiple Winners – Amounts TBD

Tim Wilder was a 2003 graduate of Steel Valley High School, and he also served as a custodian at Steel Valley High School during 2015-2017. His life was marked by endless struggles with liver disease caused by a genetic autoimmune issue. Although Tim's health was constantly at risk, he lived his life with resiliency, courage, compassion and caring for others.

Although he was often very weak, frequently in pain, Tim rarely complained and he continued to focus on each moment, enjoying life, and looking forward to the future. Quitting was never an option for him, and he spent most of his time caring for and serving others.

Tim was a two -time liver transplant recipient, and he finished his battle in December of 2017 with his disease while awaiting a third transplant. It is in his honor that we celebrate those who, like Tim, have overcome

many obstacles to achieve the goal of graduation.

Criteria

- 1. Student must be a high school senior who has fulfilled the requirements for graduation for the designated year of the scholarship. This year's scholarship will be awarded to a 2019-2020 graduating senior from any school related program (ex: academic, service-related, tech, alternative education).*
- 2. Student must have experienced some ongoing challenging circumstance(s), such as a disability, difficult life circumstances or trauma, which has presented many obstacles and challenges for the student and/or his or her family.*

- 3. Student has exhibited the courage, resiliency, strength, and persistence to overcome these hurdles to successfully meet the requirements for graduation.*
- 4. Any volunteer work, community service, faith-based involvement, membership in school clubs, or undertakings of the student, which contribute to the welfare of others should be noted.*
- 5. Students must submit at least three recommendations from valid adult mentors, teachers, program facilitators, pastors, teachers, administration, etc.*
- 6. Student applicants must submit an essay telling what they have overcome, how it has impacted them academically and personally, and*

what strategies he/she used in overcoming hardship.

About the Scholarship

- 1. All applications, recommendations, and essays will be numbered, and names will be recorded separately to avoid bias.
Due date: April 14, 2020.*
- 2. The finalist(s) will be selected and announced in May 2020. The recipient will receive the award at the Senior Award Banquet on May*