

## Pat Kepferle Friendship Memorial Scholarship

(Established March 2000)



The Pat Kepferle Friendship Memorial Scholarship is a one-time award of at least \$1000 for the first year of college. The scholarship will be awarded to a Saint Mary's County, Maryland, high school student who has been accepted by an accredited college or university as a full-time student. The recipient must demonstrate personal characteristics that reflect Pat's caring for others, his dedication to his friends, and his determination to overcome all obstacles in order to achieve success in a university environment. Additionally, individual financial need may be considered.

Joseph Patrick Kepferle was a 1999 graduate of Great Mills High School who attended Towson University and died suddenly from bacterial meningitis on March 5, 2000. Pat was a caring, loving, vibrant young man who touched the lives of so many, worked hard to keep his friends in touch with each other, and made new ones at every opportunity. He has been described often as "the first friend I ever had" and his smile and humor invariably left an unforgettable memory with everyone he met. Pat's friends and college life were the main focus of his world. Shortly after he died, Maryland passed a bill requiring college freshmen to receive a meningitis vaccination or have their parent sign a waiver. This scholarship is provided in loving memory of Pat by his family and friends to encourage others to pursue their dreams.

**Deadline:** Note - Application material deadline is May 3rd.

**Submit to:** The Pat Kepferle Friendship Scholarship Committee  
22910 Chestnut Road  
Lexington Park, MD 20653

**Required Material:**

1. A copy of a letter of acceptance at your accredited college of choice.
2. Your name, address and phone number. Photo for publication is optional.
3. A personal statement (one to two typed pages) describing how you feel you have demonstrated Pat's spirit, including your personal attributes of caring for others, and especially what obstacles you have overcome or are overcoming in order to achieve your goals.
4. A list of what you consider your most significant achievements.
5. A copy of your latest high school transcripts.
6. Signed statement from your parent or guardian that addresses your plan for financing college including other scholarships and assistance being awarded.

**Award:** Recipient will be notified in writing; the award will be sent to the designated college or recipient; and the high school will be advised of the award.