

Dave Testerman Legacy Scholarship

Established 2024 by the Elkton High School Class of 1984



The Elkton High School Class of 1984 created this scholarship as a way to honor David Lee Testerman, a beloved classmate and member of the community. Dave exemplified school spirit, leadership and community involvement.

Dave was the four-year Class President of our Class of 1984 at Elkton High School. Dave's enthusiasm for Elkton went well beyond our school and class; he was well-known and respected throughout the school and the greater Elkton community. He counted as friends many people outside of the Class of 1984. Dave touched the lives of so many people from all walks of life in his nearly 56 years.

In high school, Dave was an athlete, playing varsity football and baseball, but he was perhaps most well-known for his sportsmanship and school spirit. Dave rallied the crowd at many school events with his crowd-pleasing E-L-K-T-O-N cheer, which became an anticipated and beloved tradition throughout the community. After graduating from EHS, Dave attended Salisbury University, majoring in History and Teacher Education. Dave worked at the Cecil Whig as a Sports Editor, honing his writing skills. He was known to write exceptional short stories, often of past memories that would resonate with his readers. He had a variety of additional jobs throughout his career. Dave excelled at working with people and bringing out the best in others.

Dave was a leader in the best sense of the word, at EHS and in the greater community, during his high school years and for the rest of his life. He volunteered as a baseball coach in Elkton, holding a special place in his heart for his players. For several years, Dave single-handedly organized a holiday giving effort, working with county elementary school counselors and friends from his wide network to get toys and clothing into the hands of families who needed a little help to make a joyous holiday. He encouraged classmates, friends and community members – even those who had long moved out of the area – to participate in this multi-year program to help spread cheer and kindness to Cecil County children. Dave spearheaded our very popular multi-day class reunion weekends, starting with our 5th class reunion up to our 35th reunion which featured an Elkton street party and bar crawl open to EHS graduates of all classes that has since turned into an annual town event. Dave continually gave back to the community that he loved. He kept us connected, he cared for us, and he truly loved his school and community.

Purpose of the Dave Testerman Legacy Scholarship

The Elkton High School Class of 1984 wishes to continue Dave's legacy of giving back to the community by offering a \$1000 scholarship to an EHS senior who embodies Dave's school spirit, leadership and involvement in the community through service or outreach.

Inspiration for the scholarship comes from EHS '84 alumni who continue to maintain a strong connection to the school and to one another, bonds nurtured in large part by Dave Testerman; motivation is drawn from our collective experiences and in particular from the undeniable school spirit of one of our own who we lost too soon.



Dave Testerman Legacy Scholarship Application

Scholarship Criteria

Applicant should be an Elkton High School senior who has attended EHS for at least 3 years. The applicant should be active in leadership and civic (community and school) activities. It is intended that the recipient should use the scholarship for college, trade school, apprenticeship fees/costs, or other costs relating to community service participation (e.g. medic training, Peace Corps, Teach for America, etc.) Selection will be based on the following:

1. Submitting this application in its entirety and with complete supporting documentation.
2. Demonstrated leadership, school spirit and community involvement.
3. Two letters of recommendation from high school teachers, coaches, guidance counselors or community leaders.
4. Applicants may be asked to participate in a Zoom interview with the scholarship selection committee.

Procedures

Applicants must submit an application by April 1 of their senior year of high school. Mail applications to the address below at Chesapeake Charities. Selection will be made by the Class of 1984 Scholarship Committee, and the recipient will be notified by April 20 of their graduation year. The Scholarship award will be presented at the EHS senior awards night, prior to graduation. The awardee should plan to attend the awards night if possible. Details will be confirmed upon award notification. Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the university, trade school, apprenticeship or volunteer program. The awardee will need to complete a short acceptance form.

Personal Information

Full Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Years attended EHS:

Anticipated graduation date:

Anticipated College, Trade School, Apprenticeship or future community service participation (Peace Corps, Medic, Teach for America, etc.):

Short Questionnaire

1. What are your after-graduation plans (how will you utilize the scholarship)?
2. How will your after-graduation plans enable you to continue community involvement?

Short Essay: (500-1000 words)

Describe what you have done to contribute to school spirit, leadership and community service activities. How have you contributed to the legacy of your class and to others in EHS and the community overall?

Recommendations:

Please attach recommendations from 2 people (EHS teachers/coaches/administrators or community recommenders); at least one recommender must be from EHS.

Resume:

Optional, attach your CV/resume.

Signature:

I hereby state that the information submitted in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I grant permission to use all of part of any essays submitted with this application as well as any photographs that I provide or may have taken for the purpose of any publicity and/or advertising purposes. I certify that this information in this application is correct and that the essays are of my own work and also not created via an Ai essay generator, such as NoteGPT, Jasper, EduWriter or other such programs.

Applicant signature:

Date:

Print name:

Submit completed application and all supporting documentation as follows:

Via email (preferred): info@chesapeakecharities.org

with “Dave Testerman Legacy Scholarship” in the memo of the email.

or Via USPS mail:

Chesapeake Charities

Dave Testerman Legacy Scholarship Committee

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