

**BILLY HARRIS**  
**EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**GUIDELINES**

**BILLY HARRIS HISTORY**

The Billy Harris Memorial Education Scholarship was established February 13, 1999 through the generosity of his family and friends far and near.

Billy Harris, son of Bob and Glenda Harris and brother of Cristina Harris, attended Western Illinois University and the University of Central England in Birmingham, England where he majored in business. He played football at each of these colleges. He graduated from Western Illinois University with a degree in finance in December 1995.

Billy was a good student and had many friends at Sullivan High School. He was a member of National Honor Society, Natural Helpers, Sullivan Singers, the Principal's cabinet, Student Council and was in the musical for four years. He was a class officer and president of his class while in high school. He also won the SAR award. He enjoyed school, sports and being around people. He was a varsity letterman in basketball for four years, football for three years, and track for two years and baseball for two years. He was chosen as captain of the West team in the All-Star Football game. He was named male athlete of his class in 1991.

Billy had a positive attitude and was a best friend to many people. When he walked into a room, he lit up the room with a smile.

Following graduation for college, Billy used his business degrees and was employed in the Chicago area. In February 1998, Billy decided to leave Chicago and move back to Sullivan. In August 1998, he decided to go back to school and become certified to teach. Billy was very excited about this. Billy attended Lake Land College and Eastern Illinois University. He was working at Trailmobile in the evening to personally pay his way through school. On Friday, February 12, 1999, he died doing what he wanted to do, with a goal in mind to become a teacher. This scholarship is created to help someone achieve this goal.

## **Scholarship Guidelines**

### *Eligibility*

- Student may be male or female
- Student must have exhibited good character as evidence by recommendation of HS principal
- Student must have been involved in extra-curricular activities such as sports, show choir, student council, volunteer service, etc.
- Student must have minimum 2.25 grade point average
- Student must be enrolled in two-year junior college, four-year college, or vocational/technical school pursuing a degree in teacher education
- Student must complete a 500 word essay on why they are choosing a career in teaching along with filling out the nominee form

### *Criteria*

- Preference will be given to a student who is pursuing a teacher career
- Preference will be given to a student who competes in competitive athletics or extra-curricular activities year round
- Preference will be given to students who have donated time for volunteer activities

### *Selection*

- If no student is determined to be acceptable of the scholarship based on the above criteria, the award may not be given.
- A HS teacher, the HS guidance counselor and one of more representatives appointed by the Harris family will comprise the selection committee
- The criteria for awarding this scholarship should be reviewed on a yearly basis

**Billy Harris Scholarship**

**Nominee Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Sports in which you have participated in during high school:

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Other extra curricular activities you have participated in (for example: student council, singers, scholastic bowl, etc.)

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Service activities (for example: boy scouts, service learning program, mentoring, church, etc.)

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