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## **Community Foundation of Morgan County Awards First SSG. Wm. Ryan Fritsche Memorial Scholarship**

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Patrick Kendall was awarded the first SSG. Wm. Ryan Fritsche Memorial Scholarship this May from the Community Foundation of Morgan County.

Patrick is the son of Mark and Rebecca Kendall of Mooresville and he is home schooled. He is a member of Boy Scouts, working to obtain his Eagle Scout ranking, and is also an active member of his church. He enjoys music, and has played piano for 12 years. In college he plans to major in criminal justice and history, and upon graduation, he would like to work in law enforcement.

### **About the Scholarship**

The SSG. Wm. Ryan Fritsche Memorial Scholarship was founded at the CFMC in 2008 by Brandi Fritsche, Ryan's wife, and Volitta Fritsche, his mother. Ryan was killed in the line of duty on July 27, 2007 in Kamu, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Ryan was a Staff Sgt. with the U.S. Army who joined upon graduation from Martinsville High School in 2002. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, a NATO citation, an Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon and the Combat Infantry Badge for his service.

The Fritsche family started the scholarship to continue Ryan's legacy of service and leadership in the Morgan County community. The scholarship provides funds for students enrolled in courses leading to careers in law enforcement, medical work, social work, child services, and other public service careers.

"It was an honor to be part of the selection committee that reviewed applications," Volitta said. "There were several great candidates for this scholarship, and we thought Patrick represented the spirit of commitment to handwork and dedication to finishing a task that Ryan was so noted for.

"Patrick has overcome personal obstacles and has remained steadfast in his efforts to meet the goals he has set for himself," Volitta said. "This is a trait that both Brandi and I believe is worth nurturing and pray that receiving this scholarship will in some small way help Patrick on his way to living his life's dream."

## **Scholarship Eligibility for Home School Students**

Brandi, Volitta and CFMC Executive Director Tom Zoss presented Kendall with his scholarship among Kendall's friends and family at the Community Foundation of Morgan County on May 14.

"This was a special day at the foundation," Zoss said. "Not only is this the first scholarship in memory of Ryan Fritsche, but Patrick is the first home school student awarded a scholarship by the foundation."

Zoss said many home school students may not realize they are eligible for scholarships distributed by the foundation. The CFMC offers four scholarships which are available to any graduating senior in Morgan County, including home school or private school students. These students may also qualify for Kendrick Foundation Scholarships if they plan to major in a health-related field.

Students interested in applying for scholarships can learn more on the CFMC Scholarship Central Web site at [www.cfmconline.org/scholarships](http://www.cfmconline.org/scholarships). Applications for the 2010 season will be available in November of 2009.

Donations to the Fritsche scholarship can be made to the Community Foundation of Morgan County with "SSG. Wm. Ryan Fritsche Memorial Scholarship" in the memo, at 250 N. Monroe St., Mooresville, IN 46158. More information on the foundation and other scholarships through the CFMC is available online at [www.cfmconline.org](http://www.cfmconline.org) or by calling the foundation at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free at (877) 822-6958.