

Keystone SMILES Ross McGinnis - Silver Star Service Scholarship Fund



The heroic and unselfish act of Ross McGinnis has touched the lives of many people in Clarion County and neighboring communities. Ross' patriotism and sacrifice earned him a Purple Heart, Silver Star for Valor and has also been recommended for the Nation's highest honor: The Congressional Medal of Honor. Another tribute to his valor occurred on Wednesday, December 13th when a Keystone SMILES AmeriCorps Alum chose to contribute to Ross' legacy, which can now live on through other service focused deeds of individuals. The Alum's donation of \$5000 established the beginning of a memorial endowment fund.

The Vision and Purpose:

- To provide the largest "Service-ship" in Clarion County to a recipient who demonstrates unselfishness and commitment through active civic or military engagement and service .
- To generate \$100,000 establishing a self sustaining scholarship to be awarded through the dividends earned yearly.
- To engage a volunteer scholarship board to serve as guardians of the scholarship funds and scholarship guidelines for the scholarship endowment.

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*SPC Ross McGinnis,
Recommended for Nations Highest
Award for Valor, Medal of Honor*



How to Give

An organization, business or individual may elect one of the following ways to give:

1. A large contribution
2. Commit to a smaller contribution for five consecutive years.
3. Coordinate a fundraiser and donate the proceeds.
4. Assist in collecting donations for the endowment.

Progress to date: \$31,461 has been raised to date with the goal of continuing until \$100,000 is raised and earning dividends to provide a yearly substantial scholarship.

Donations to be made payable to:
Keystone SMILES-
Ross McGinnis Scholarship Fund,
P O Box 352, Knox, PA 16232
Email your questions to giving@keystonesmiles.org
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