
PFC Ross McGinnis Memorial Service Awards

Eligibility: High School Seniors / Post Secondary Students

To Be Awarded Annually on December 4

Guidelines

HONOR AWARD

\$1,500

Must attend or be an alumni of a school in one of the counties listed on the regional map posted on the web site.

SILVER AWARD

\$1,250

Must attend or be an alumni of a Clarion County School.

BRONZE AWARD

Up to \$750

Must attend or be an alumni of Clarion County Career Center, Keystone High School, or Keystone SMILES Alternative Education program.

(Ross was an alum of these schools.)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Complete a service which demonstrates an outstanding example of service to others and community.
- Must be enrolled in a post-secondary technical/ career / or educational institution. May apply throughout post secondary education.

INFORMATION

- Award will be released only to the post-secondary institution which the recipient is attending.
- Funds will be released after recipient completes one program year of post-secondary education with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

CRITERIA

- Accurately document outstanding service provided during high school or post-secondary years.
 - Complete Award application and resume documenting education, work experience and other community service contributions provided in the application packet.
 - One character reference.
 - One service project reference.
 - Have a current minimum high school or post secondary GPA of 2.75.
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Keystone SMILES Ross McGinnis - Silver Star Memorial Service Award Endowment



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, 2006 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 regional "Service-ship" Award to a recipient who demonstrates unselfishness and commitment through active civic or military engagement and service .
- To generate \$100,000 establishing a self sustaining Award to be awarded through the dividends earned yearly.
- To engage a volunteer Award board to serve as guardians of the Award funds and Award guidelines for the Award 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: \$47,300 has been raised to date with the goal of continuing until \$100,000 is raised and earning dividends to provide a yearly substantial Award.

Donations to be made payable to:

Keystone SMILES-

Ross McGinnis Memorial Service Award Fund

P O Box 352, Knox, PA 16232

Email your questions to giving@keystonesmiles.org

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