



CHARLES B. DECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Charles B. Decker Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1991 upon the death at age 34 of Charles B. Decker, an enthusiastic journalist from Saranac Lake, then an Assistant Managing Editor of the Watertown Daily Times.

Charlie Decker graduated from the Saranac Lake Central High School after an outstanding athletic career during which time he was also a sports reporter and photographer for the Adirondack Daily Enterprise. He attended Cornell University and the University Of Missouri School of Journalism, leaving to edit the award-winning "Olympic Digest," a daily account of the 1980 Winter Olympics. Following this, he was employed at West Virginia newspapers, but returned in 1983 to the North Country he so loved as managing editor of the Adirondack Daily Enterprise. He joined the Watertown Daily Times as state editor in 1986 and was appointed assistant managing editor in 1989.

He had a strong personal commitment to the profession of newspaper journalism and to the public's right to know. He believed fervently in the value of and necessity for a free press staffed by enthusiastic, informed writers. Newspaper work, outdoor sports and conversation occupied him and he gave them his best.

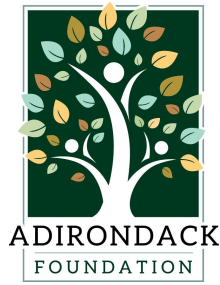
On July 3, 1991 he died unexpectedly of a brain stem hemorrhage. His estate and gifts from family and friends have been placed in a scholarship fund with family and friends acting as advisors.

This fund will be used to provide financial assistance to college and graduate students from the Tri-Lakes Area who are attending a college or university full time to pursue a career in journalism (including print, broadcast, photo or multimedia) and special projects of journalists working in these communities.

Selection of grantees will be made weighing the following basic criteria:

- A tangible demonstration of interest in journalism; such as special journalism courses, articles, internships or work on their school paper
- A history of school grades and other previous accomplishment which demonstrate the candidate's ability to handle college or graduate work or to carry out the project outlined
- Need, to a degree suggesting that the intended education, project or internship cannot be undertaken without financial assistance
- Applicant has submitted all proper documents, on time, to the satisfaction of the committee

Grants will be made for one year. Recipients may reapply annually. Grant amounts may vary depending on the number of eligible applicants. Recipients are encouraged, but not required to repay grants or make contributions of any amount to the Fund. If you have any additional questions, please call Leslee Mounger at 518-523-9904 or e-mail leslee.mounger@adkfoundation.org.



CHARLES B. DECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline May 15, 2024

Name:

Date of birth:

Address:

City/State/Zip

Home number:

Cell number:

Email:

Name of high school or college:

Graduation Date:

Guardian's Occupation:

Employer:

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Present position or college status (if applicable):

Family gross income: (include all sources such as wages, Social Security, retirement, pension, disability etc.)

Number of children in family:

Number in college next semester:

University attending:

Major:

Cost per year:

Professional Goal:

Special Circumstances making assistance necessary: Yes: No: (If yes explain in separate letter)

Please send one copy of application, letter of interest, certified transcript and letter of recommendation:

1. Graduating high school seniors or matriculated college students should attach a letter describing their tangible interest in and personal qualifications for a career in journalism.
2. A signed and sealed written recommendation from a teacher or work supervisor. (one copy)

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Please list names, emails and phone numbers of three references:

Submit this application to the Adirondack Foundation, PO Box 288, Lake Placid, NY 12946 or via email to: leslee.mounger@adkfoundation.org. Please print neatly or type. If you have questions, please call Leslee Mounger at 518-523-9904.