


## **SGT. BRANDON E. ADAMS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Brandon Adams was a 2000 Altoona High School graduate and attended the GACTC. He joined the Army after graduation, and after serving in Alaska, he was transferred to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division out of Fort Drum, NY. Brandon was stationed in Fallujah, Iraq. He had suffered severe injuries when a grenade exploded as soldiers entered a house. Brandon used his body to absorb the brunt of the blast to protect a fellow soldier. After suffering severe head, arm, leg and hip wounds, Brandon was taken to a U.S. hospital in Germany. He was eventually transported to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. then to Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Hospital in Virginia. He spent the last few weeks of his life at the James Van Zandt VA Hospital in Altoona where he appeared to be on his way to recovery. He returned to Walter Reed where he died of complications during surgery. Brandon was 22 years old.

### **CRITERIA**

#### ***AMOUNT \$500***

- Graduating senior from any Blair County School who is enrolled in the Computer Programming, Computer & Networking Technology, or Digital Communications Programs at the Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center.
- Must be seeking an Associate's Degree (2 year) or higher.
- 3.0 or higher GPA
- Written statement of financial need (describe family situation) and have this statement signed by parent/guardian.
- Letter of recommendation from a member of the school personnel (instructor, guidance counselor, administrator, etc.).
- Essay Question: Who do you most admire and why? (500 words or less)

If you meet the criteria above, please fill out the Scholarship Application and place a checkmark  in the box to the left of the *Sgt. Brandon E. Adams Information Technology Memorial Scholarship*.

**DUE BY MARCH 1st @ 3:00 PM TO THE OFFICE OF WORK BASED LEARNING**

1. *General Scholarship Application*
2. *Written statement of financial need (describe family situation) and have this statement signed by parent/guardian.*
3. *Letter of recommendation from a member of the school personnel (instructor, guidance counselor, administrator, etc.)*
4. *Typed essay, 500 words or less, with writing prompt...*
  - \*Who do you most admire and why?*