

## **THE ZACHARY S. HOOVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**


In October 2019, Zachary Hoover, grandson of Carol and Marty Marasco, lost his battle with cancer at the age of 20. Prior to his passing, Zach lost his leg, as a result of his cancer, and was fitted for a prosthetic. He was planning to use his disability as the focus of his senior project, aiming to improve the lives of other amputees. His hope was to design a state-of-the-art robotic prosthetic leg, as well as other devices. Tragically, Zach was unable to make his dream a reality.

The Marasco family established the Zachary S. Hoover Memorial Scholarship to be presented annually to a graduating Blair County high school student who is planning to attend PSU-Altoona and major in the EMET program. Zach always put others before himself. It is the family's hope that this scholarship will forever memorialize Zach's passion, dreams and legacy of helping others.

### **CRITERIA**

#### ***AMOUNT \$1,000***

- Graduating from a Blair County High School/GACTC
- Must be accepted into Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering or Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology (EMET) program at Penn State Altoona
- Must have at least a 3.0 GPA
- Preference will be given to a student with financial need
- Include a copy of the acceptance letter into one of these programs
- Essay of 500 words or less with writing prompt.....Why did you select Penn State Altoona and specifically the Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology (EMET Program to advance your Education? OR Would you have an interest in designing and developing state-of-the-art Robotic Prosthetic Devices to improve the lives of people with amputations?

If you meet the criteria above, please fill out the Scholarship Application and place a checkmark  in the box to the left of *Zachary S. Hoover Memorial Scholarship*.