

## Rudy Haden Memorial Scholarship

To: Scholarship Applicants

From: The Rudy Haden Memorial Scholarship Committee

No one who ever knew Rudy Haden could ever doubt the tremendous enthusiasm he felt for his work or the high value he placed on education. He loved all people, but especially young people, and he believed that the most valuable contribution anyone could make was to help young people find the means to become happy, productive adults.

Rudy spoke often of how fortunate he had been to have received the Huff Scholarship when he graduated from Woolwine High School in 1968. That money enabled him to attend college where he learned what a wealth of opportunities the world offered. He spoke of feeling such wonder at his own success and such deep gratitude to the people who made it possible.

What he did not point out was that he received that scholarship because even as a young person he exhibited extraordinary amounts of initiative, enthusiasm, and determination. Those qualities marked his twenty-one years in education, causing him to constantly do more than required, to work harder than necessary, and to search endlessly for ways to help young people realize their own dreams.

After teaching science and agriculture in Smyth County and agriculture in Montgomery County, he came to FCHS in the fall of 1988 as assistant principal. He held the position for five years until his death after a brief but intense struggle with cancer in the spring of 1993. Even in the last days of his life, the questions he asked about students and the desires he had for their futures were constant in his conversations.

To honor Rudy's memory and to help continue the work he felt was most important, the Rudy Haden Memorial Scholarship was created. It is the desire of the scholarship committee to find one applicant each year who exhibits not only financial need, but the initiative and enthusiasm that characterized Rudy.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
RUDY HADEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name of Student Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Floyd County High School Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Names of four-year colleges or universities accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges to which the applicant has applied for admission. Please give the name and address of the admission's officer:

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I authorize the principal of Floyd County High School to make available to the Board of Trustees of the Rudy Haden Memorial Scholarship a copy of my academic record for their use in evaluating my application for a scholarship.

I understand that I must first be admitted to a four-year school as described hereinabove, and that as a part of the application, a copy of the letter or other notice which informs me that I have been accepted to the college will be attached to and made part of this application. I further understand that this scholarship will not be paid directly to me, but will be forwarded to the university to which I have been admitted, should I be granted this scholarship, to be credited on my first tuition bill. If registration in the college or university is canceled by me, then the scholarship money will be returned to the scholarship fund by either the college or me. I understand that if I withdraw my registration or otherwise cancel it, and do not attend the college, then I am responsible for ensuring that the amount of the scholarship is returned to the trustees of this scholarship fund. I understand that the scholarship application deadline is March 30, 2012. If I am selected to be the recipient of this scholarship, I will be so notified at the Scholarship/Award Program at Floyd County High School of this school year. I understand that this scholarship will not be renewed for my sophomore and following years in my chosen college or university.

I further understand that the criteria for recipient selection include the individual's enthusiasm, initiative, and interest in education. Characteristics of compassion and genuine interest in others will be evaluated. Lastly, there must be evidence of financial need.

I understand that in order to be considered for this scholarship, the following questions must be answered.

1. What trait of your personality do you value the most and why? (75-100 words)
2. How will this trait help you accomplish your goals? (50-75 words)
3. Other than obtaining a college education and working in a field of your choice, what goals do you have for your life? (50-75 words)
4. Address your financial need for this scholarship.
5. Include two letters of recommendation.