



## Henry "Tyke" Wood Memorial Scholarship

The **Henry "Tyke" Wood Memorial Scholarship** was established in the memory of Henry who passed away in 2023 after living with a traumatic brain injury for many years. This scholarship is presented by Tyke's sister, Melissa Pallop, and the Northern New York Community Foundation.

Tyke grew up on the Wood Family farm and graduated from Thousand Islands High school in 1995. He then attended Canton College for criminal justice. Tyke graduated from Canton College in 1997 and became a Correctional Officer. He had just taken his State Trooper exam when he had a

terrible accident and was left with a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Despite this drastic change in Tyke's life so much of Tyke's personality remained unchanged.

Tyke was a hard worker. He grew up on the family farm and loved being part of the day-to-day operations. He also enjoyed working construction and was quick to offer his skills to anyone who needed a hand. After his TBI he would help the janitorial and kitchen staff at his group home. He also would help his parents with yard work and loved to take walks in the woods. Being productive was always part of who Tyke was. Rarely was there a moment that Tyke was sitting still.

Tyke had a way of turning every bit of life into an adventure, he was skilled at finding the fun in daily life. Tyke loved making people laugh with his funny stories and crazy antics. He was witty and observant, the life of every party. Tyke was also a skilled prankster, usually a step ahead of others. After his TBI he would jump at the chance for fun, happy to go sledding with his nieces, or play whatever game was suggested (although he was always making up his own rules). He always had a smile for you and a quick quip or two.

One of Tykes more endearing traits was his compassion. He had a way of sensing if someone needed help, or a laugh. It was easy and natural for Tyke to help someone in need. Tyke was ready to step in and turn someone's day around with a simple hug, a handshake, funny comment or just being himself. As a young adult, he would often take his widowed grandmother out to breakfast on the weekends, just to keep her company. He was the first to offer a hand to anyone who needed it and always did whatever was asked of him without complaint. This compassion was evident in the many friends he carried with him throughout his life. Tyke's compassion continued after his TBI when he would continually shake hands and greet everyone, he crossed paths with. He always asked how they were, and he genuinely wanted to talk to people and know they were having a good day. If they were not, he was quick with a joke or a helping hand to make it better. The **Henry "Tyke" Wood Memorial Scholarship** is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a **Thousand Islands High School** student who preferably is continuing their education in the fields of agriculture or criminal justice.

**Applicants must:**

- Be a graduating senior of Thousand Islands High School
- Be planning to further their education, including, but not limited to a trade school, a two-year higher education program or a four-year higher education program.
- Complete the application. [Henry "Tyke" Wood Memorial Scholarship Application](#)
- Send a copy of their transcript, note to applicants this scholarship is not based on GPA.
- Send a letter of recommendation preferably from an instructor or teacher.
- Letter of recommendation should be sent directly to **tykeslastdance@gmail.com**

Awarding of the **Henry "Tyke" Wood Memorial Scholarship** is contingent on several criteria, including acceptance to a program to further their education, and a completed application. Scholarship recipients are expected to uphold a high standard of conduct.

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