Mr. Tim Bird Community Service Award

This scholarship has been established in memory of Tim Bird, or as students of Boyceville School District knew him, Mr. Tim.

Mr. Tim passed away in May of 2024. He not only attended and graduated from Boyceville High School, but was also a beloved volunteer at Tiffany Creek Elementary for many years. His volunteerism and leadership qualities took him to other schools in Wisconsin, as well. His willingness to present to others about his disability with an emphasis of inclusion was an "outstanding" endeavor and Tim took much pride in this work. He loved working at school and with children as a volunteer and displaying his leadership skills in this community; hence, a scholarship will be given in Tim's memory by his friends and family.

Mr. Tim was a wonderful young man who had Down syndrome. Even with little information on Down syndrome at the time of Tim's school years, many administrators, educators, staff, volunteers, and community members rose to the challenge of meeting his special educational needs throughout his schooling. Tim was truly a bright light to his friends and family, but the community that surrounded him encouraged that light to shine even brighter.

If you are a Boyceville High School Senior who has shown dedication by contributing positively to your community through work, volunteerism or leadership, you are eligible to apply for the service-based scholarship. The scholarship is in the amount of up to \$2,500 for a deserving student/s.

Requirements:

- 1. Student must be pursuing a degree, certificate, or trade that seeks to help people through a service industry degree. Example: Teacher, Nurse, CNA, OT, PT, Police Officer, etc.
- 2. The scholarship can be used to support a continuing educational experience in a trade, technical, vocational or university setting (1, 2 or 4 year post-secondary programs).
- 3. Submit an essay (minimum of one page) on how you plan to make a difference with your chosen career path through work, volunteering, and leadership in your community. Describe in your essay how your chosen field will benefit the people around you to make a better environment for all people.
- 4. Submit a separate page which includes a list of your volunteer, service, or work activities you have been involved with both in and out of school.
- 5. Submit your completed application by **April 11**, **2025**. Please give your application to Ms. Berry in the Boyceville High School Counseling Office, no later than 3:30 pm.