

# James Wilson Reed-Aurora Saracen Scholarship

Established 2015

*Jim Reed was a person with equal passion for rugby, academic excellence, intellectual pursuit, and just plain old having a good time. He grew up in Clay County, West Virginia—the poorest county in one of the poorest states in the country. From there, he moved on to Dartmouth College and then returned to West Virginia where he had an extremely successful career as an entrepreneur. He worked hard, had a family with five children, a gaggle of good friends and yes, he always made sure he had a good time. He passed in the summer of 2014. This Scholarship has been endowed in his honor in the hope that it can help others have the success he did in his life, and that they may have the same impact on others that Jim did.*

It will be awarded based on a combination of the following:

- Leadership on the rugby pitch—especially the practice pitch.
- Academic excellence.
- Positive Community involvement.
- Potential to affect our larger community, and perhaps the rugby community, in a positive way going forward.
- Financial need may be factored in.

*We want to be clear that we consider learning a craft or a trade to have the same value as a college education and that this Scholarship is equally applicable to a 'Trade School Scholarship' or a 'College Scholarship'.*

The Scholarship recipient will be chosen by a committee of coaches and potentially other donors to the fund.

A new \$1000 scholarship will be awarded every year, and the recipient of that scholarship will receive that sum each year he attends school up to a total of four years. This will result in the fund providing up to a total of \$4000/year in scholarships by the fourth year. (The committee retains the right to split the scholarship into two \$500 scholarships, revoke a scholarship for poor performance or behavior, extend the scholarship a fifth year, or any other adjustments the committee feels are consistent with the purpose of the Scholarship, including deciding there is not a deserving candidate one year and plowing that money back into the fund.)

Applicants must deliver to the Scholarship Committee:

- School transcripts including ACT or SAT scores.
- An essay explaining why the student-athlete is deserving of this scholarship and what they hope to accomplish with their education.
- A summary of school and community activities outside of rugby.
- At least two letters of recommendation, at least one of which must come from within the school system.

Thank You and Good Luck