



Ben VanDyken Memorial Scholarship Application

Benjamin Philip Van Dyken, age 17, of Allendale passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, June 7, 2018, and is now resting in the arms of his Lord and Savior. Ben was a loving son, brother, grandson and uncle who loved life and had a great sense of humor. His radiant personality was contagious, making others smile and laugh. Ben was a Junior at Allendale High School where he enjoyed the friendship of his peers. He had a love of sports and played on the school's baseball team. Ben enjoyed the outdoors and had a special love for fishing. Above all, Ben was a young man of character and strong faith. He was actively involved in his church youth group, and his love for Jesus was evident to all who knew him

On April 9, 2017, Ben wrote a post on facebook stating, “ *Hey family and friends I am just wondering what the American dream is to you personally? This is nothing to do with politics, just wondering what the American dream is to you. Comment below or just dm me! I would like to hear what it is for you! And if possible did you achieve your American dream!*”

Criteria for this Scholarship will be:

1. **A 3.0 GPA or above;**
2. **Acceptance into a college or university in the fall of the following school year**

Please fill out the following information as well as write a 1-2 page essay stating, “**What the American Dream means to you personally? And how have you or how will you achieve your American Dream?**”

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Planned College of Attendance in the Fall: _____

Please fill out the above information and include the 1-2 page typed essay and return by June 6th to:

**The Van Dyken Family
11434 Rosewood Ave.
Allendale, MI 49401**