

Kassel A. Smit – Make a Difference Class of 2025 Scholarship Application

Students graduating from Cary High School in June 2025 who plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college are invited to apply for this scholarship. Students may also be nominated by a Cary High School teacher or staff member with the consent of the student being nominated. There will be a total of two individuals awarded \$3,000 scholarships each for a single year of study beginning in the fall of 2025 at a 2 or 4 year college.

Recipients will be selected by the Cary High School Scholarship Committee. Applications/Nominations need to be received by **Friday, May 2, 2025**.

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Student Email Address: _____ Parent Email Address _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Telephone: _____ Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

College you plan to attend: _____

Field of Study: _____

This scholarship is to be awarded to individuals who have Kassel-like character traits. Please describe in **no more than 2 typed pages** how you (this student) show(s) these characteristics and how you (they) have ***made a difference***.

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| • Creativity | • Sensitivity | • Respect |
| • Inquisitiveness | • Exploration | • Fairness |
| • Giving | • Leading | • Learning |
| • Fun | • Humor | • Love |

Please return completed essay and this form along with 2 supportive letters from Cary High staff or Community Adult Leaders to Cindy Strader (cstrader@wcpss.net).

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominator Name (print): _____ Phone: _____

About Kassel Aaron Smit **June 16, 1987 - April 12, 2004**



Kassel was 16 when he was one of two passengers who died in a car accident on Hwy 64 in Apex. He was dearly loved and respected by so many who have been blessed to have known him and been a part of his life. Kassel made Eagle Scout with Boy Scouts of America [Troop 216](#). His project is on the far side of the Bond Lake trail. As a Junior at Cary High School, he was a member of the cross country and track team, drama club and was on the AB Honor Roll.

His biggest pleasure was making people laugh & smile.

Please visit www.kasselsmitmakeadifference.com for more information on Kassel Smit and this scholarship.