

# Kassel A. Smit – Make a Difference Class of 2026 Scholarship Application

Students graduating from Cary High School in June 2026 who plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college are invited to apply for this scholarship. There will be a total of two individuals awarded \$3,000 scholarships each for a single year of study beginning in the fall of 2026 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 1, 2026**.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Personal 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*.

- Creativity
- Inquisitiveness
- Giving
- Fun
- Sensitivity
- Exploration
- Leading
- Humor
- Respect
- Fairness
- Learning
- 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](mailto:cstrader@wcpss.net)).

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***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](http://www.kasselsmitmakeadifference.com) for more information on Kassel Smit and this scholarship.