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Michael Folland Memorial Merit Award Application

\$2,000 to be awarded to a student at Thomas Jefferson High School (TJHS)

Sponsor: Monumental Honor, 501c3 Non-Profit in cooperation with the TJHS Vikings Fund

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About the Scholarship:

The Michael Folland Memorial Merit Award is presented to a Junior or Senior at TJHS who exemplifies the values of selflessness, courage, and service to others—qualities which Medal of Honor (MOH) recipient Michael Folland exemplified by his actions during the Vietnam War. This award honors those who have overcome adversity and demonstrated the heroic values associated with the MOH.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Current Enrollment:** Must be a currently enrolled Junior or Senior at TJHS.
 2. **Values Representation:** Must demonstrate how their actions, and/or example align with the values represented by the Medal of Honor: Courage, Integrity, Commitment, Sacrifice, Citizenship, and Patriotism.
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Application Components:

1. **Personal Statement (1000-1500 words):** Summarize your knowledge of the MOH and the actions that led to Michael Folland becoming a Recipient. Describe a personal challenge that required you to take positive actions to overcome adversity. Describe how you would use the award funds to pursue your goals in life.
 2. **Letters of Recommendation:** Submit two letters of recommendation. The letters should be from a person who can attest to your actions to overcome adversity and/or your positive representation of the MOH values. One of the letters must come from a current member of the TJHS staff. The Medal of Honor commemorates 6 key values: Courage, Commitment, Integrity, Sacrifice, Citizenship, and Patriotism.
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Submission Instructions:

- **Deadline:** April 18, 2025.
 - **Submission Method:** Applications must be submitted electronically to carl.grunow@monumentalhonor.org with the subject line "Michael Folland Merit Award Application."
 - **File Format:** Please submit all documents in PDF format titled "Last, first name, MH merit award application"
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Selection Process:

A committee composed of representatives from the TJHS School Administration, TJHS Vikings Fund, and Monumental Honor will review applications. Finalists may be invited for an interview as part of the selection process.

Contact Information:

For any questions or additional information, please contact:

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Michael Folland Merit Award Application

Academic Year 2024-2025

Award Amount: \$2,000

Donor: Monumental Honor

Applicant information

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

TJHS status beginning Fall 2024 (Senior or Junior): _____

Attachments: Personal Statement (1000-1500 words) and two Letters of Recommendation (at least one from school staff). In addition to showing an understanding of the Medal of Honor and Michael Folland's actions, the Personal Statement must describe how the applicant has experienced a personal challenge followed by a positive response to overcome adversity. The Personal Statement must also describe the applicant's plans for using the award funds. Examples include college tuition, trade school, travel connected to joining the military, or any purpose that helps the Awardee move forward in life.

IMPORTANT: The TJHS Vikings Fund and Monumental Honor will present this Merit Award during a school assembly at the end of the 2024-2025 academic year.

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