

PASCAL'S WAY SCHOLARSHIP



"Life is Like a book, it can be filled with great stories, but only if you write them"
- Pascal Weisberger

Pascal was born with amazing abilities, but also faced significant challenges and the many accomplishments he had over time, did not come easy. During his early years Pascal had difficulty communicating and socializing with peers, and in preschool was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Thankfully, with strong support from his caring family, wonderful teachers and specialized services, over time Pascal overcame his issues to become an outgoing young man with a close group of wonderful friends, and many amazing achievements in a variety of areas.

During his years living in the Upper Keys, Pascal made great strides, growing in confidence and abilities, while making remarkable progress in overcoming the difficulties he had faced earlier in life. He went from being reluctant to talk, to making speeches; from being afraid of the water, to being a snorkeler; from being timid, to being an adventurer; from struggling with running, to competing in 5K races; from being scared of dogs, to volunteering at an animal shelter; and from playing by himself, to having many cherished friendships.

Pascal lived life to its fullest, was good natured, cheerful, affectionate and caring, including to all creatures on land and in the sea. He loved our world and wanted to protect the environment, which he advocated for by conducting STEM Fair projects on plastic pollution, protesting the negative effects of plastics on the marine environment and advocating for better practices in our Keys communities. He also developed an interest in animal welfare and devoted countless hours of time volunteering with the Upper Keys Humane Society in Key Largo, where he assisted with any and all tasks that were needed to care for the animals there.

As a Scout and an exceptionally empathetic young man, Pascal sought to be of help in his community in every way possible and from the time he was young, assisted with a wide variety of events, cleanups and many other types of service projects. Consistent with his extraordinary focus on service to others, his passion to care for animals led him to envision a career as a veterinarian.

Pascal's short, but impactful life was defined by his kindness to all, and a passion to help protect the environment and animals within his community, and our world in general. The Pascal's Way Scholarship was created to honor this legacy by providing support to youth with a similar philosophy of community service, compassion for others, and a commitment to improving the world, as Pascal always sought to do. *#PascalsWay*

APPLICATION:

The Pascal's Way Scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors who have committed to a 2- or 4-year college program. Applicants must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0 and at least the minimum amount of community service hours required for graduation, but preference will be given to applicants with the greatest number of hours assisting at least two or more community-based organizations and/or events. All applicants must be enrolled in a Monroe County high school, or have previously been and not yet begun matriculating at a college institution.

Please submit the completed application via email to: apoholek@gmail.com with **Pascal's Way Scholarship Application** in the subject line, or via postal mail addressed to:

Pascal's Way Scholarship Committee
Ariel Poholek
113 Rock Harbor Drive
Key Largo, FL
33037
305-879-2118

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Education:

Please list high school attended with the pertinent date, grade point average, and SAT/ACT score.

Institution	Date Attended	Graduating Year	GPA	SAT/ACT Score

Family Information:

Mother's Occupation: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Number of people living at home (including parents): _____

Extracurricular and Community Activities:

Please list community service activities which you have participated in during high school.

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- Your résumé (highlighting leadership/service experience, educational background, and work experience)
- Three references, including at least two who can speak to your recent community service efforts (include name, telephone number, and email address.)
- An approximately 500-word essay about how your community service experiences have shaped you as a person and how you anticipate being of help to others and the environment going forward in your life.