**John-Michael Perry**

 **2020 Scholarship**

**Established in 2019 by John-Michael’s**

**Parents, Paul and Gina Young of Viola, IL**

**John-Michael Dean Perry was an amazing young man that had a huge heart. He graduated high school in 2014. He was a one-of-a-kind, energetic, funny, always full of life young man that lost his life in a tragic car accident at 20 years old.**

**John-Michael loved playing baseball, basketball, and golf. He was a very loyal friend that loved spending time with his friends and would do anything for anyone at the drop of a hat.**

**John-Michael cherished the family farm, which is located in Viola, IL, where he was raised and learned the value of family, faith, and hard work.**

**His parents and family want to honor John-Michael and give back to the community by helping other young men. Paul Young was an alumnus of Sherrard High School and Gina Young was an alumna of Aledo High School and both are still involved in the communities. This award will be presented to the young man who best exemplifies the young man John-Michael was and enjoys the activities that he enjoyed.**

General Information

1. The family of John-Michael Perry is offering two (2) $500 scholarships to graduating seniors of either Mercer County High School or Sherrard High School.
2. Awards are decided by the family of John Michael Perry.
3. The family has the flexibility to deviate from the criteria when appropriate.
4. The number awarded and award amount of scholarships may change yearly.
5. Completed applications emailed (fillable form) or postmarked by **Monday, April 12th, 2021.** Mail to Gina Young 2681-125th Ave. Viola, IL 61486. Email to: pgyoung@vhtmail.net If you have any questions contact Gina at 309-314-5199.
6. Mercer County Award Recipients will be presented at the Spring Awards Night.
7. Sherrard Award Recipients will be contacted.
8. Award recipients can pick up checks at the John-Michael Perry Golf Outing after presenting proof of enrollment. Proof of enrollment can be either an acceptance letter, tuition receipt, or class schedule.
9. Alternate arrangements can be made if the recipient is unable to attend the golf outing or does not have proof at that time. Please do not hesitate to ask.

Scholarship Criteria

1. Must be a male graduating from either Mercer County High School or Sherrard High School.
2. Must plan on attending a 2-year, 4-year, vocational, trade, or technical school.
3. Preference will be given to the following: baseball player, basketball player, one with a farming background, or one going into law enforcement.
4. Note: the scholarship is not limited to those preferences and anyone is encouraged to apply.
5. Please also include a **picture of yourself** in your favorite place or with your favorite hobby. A headshot would also be acceptable.

John-Michael Perry Scholarship Application

Name

High School Attended

Address

Phone Email

Parent’s Names

School or Program Planning to Attend

Intended Program/Certification/Trade

List membership in high school related organizations (i.e. sports, clubs, government) and how many years involved. Attach additional sheet if needed.

Who is your favorite athlete and why? (professional or non professional?) Attach additional sheets if needed.

\*Extra: what is your favorite sports team?

Tell us more about yourself. For instance what sports, school achievements, volunteerism, work, committees, clubs, interests and or hobbies inside and outside of your high school. Attach additional sheets if needed.