

Stephen E. Sokach Memorial Scholarship

Serving others and assisting those in need has been a focal point in the life of Stephen E. Sokach and serves as the basis for the establishment of the Stephen E. Sokach Memorial scholarship by his loving family.

Steve was born in Exeter and graduated from Exeter High School in 1959. He also graduated from the Wilkes-Barre Business School. He was a proud resident of the Wyoming Area School District where he lived his entire life and raised his family. He was a founding member of the Wyoming Area Booster Club in 1967 and an active participant in the Wyoming Area Football and Band Parents Organizations. He believed deeply in the value of education and reflected that belief with his wife, Judy, in the raising of their children. In fact, he felt so strongly about the importance of a good education for all children, that he ran for and won election to the Wyoming Area Board of Education eventually serving as its President.

In addition to the school district, Steve also served those in need in his parish and community. He was an original member of the Eucharistic ministers at Corpus Christi Parish and regularly served the homebound and shut-ins. He also served as a church lector. He was an elected official in his home town of West Pittston and participated on several boards and committees within the community. He was also a proud member of the Exeter Lions Club for over 43 years where he held multiple offices including President and Secretary for several terms. In addition he was the Guiding Lion in the establishment of the West Pittston Lions Club.

Through his deep faith, his commitment to his family and community, and his focus on education, Steve recognized the value and importance of all people. He believed that everyone should have the ability and opportunity to further their education and become valued members of our community. It is for this reason that the Stephen E. Sokach Memorial Scholarship of \$500 will be awarded for the first time in 2017 to a student enrolled in the Learning Support or Special Education programs at Wyoming Area High School with the intent of helping that student further their education at an accredited Professional, Trade or Technical School, as well as, a college or University.

Criteria: Applicant must be a Wyoming Area graduating senior who has been enrolled in the Learning Support or Special Education programs at WA and who will be attending a professional, trade or technical school as well as a college or University.

Required Essay: In a solid essay of at least 500 words tell us the benefit of receiving this scholarship in aiding you in your academic pursuits.