



The Christopher Darby Ray
Memorial Scholarship Foundation
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Mission and Background

The Christopher D. Ray Public Safety Memorial Scholarship, founded in 2011, is a \$1,000 grant available to a high school senior who plans to enter a course of study in a public safety field at either a community college or a four-year college or university or to a college student currently enrolled. Public safety majors include criminal justice (not pre-law), fire science, and paramedic/emergency medicine.

This scholarship honors Christopher D. Ray, a Southampton County deputy sheriff who lost his life in the line of duty on August 29, 2009. Funds for the scholarship have been provided through a fishing tournament fundraiser and through generous donations from Christopher's friends and family, as well as from citizens who recognize the need for qualified public safety workers.

Christopher graduated from Radford University in May 2009 with a degree in criminal justice, and had been a deputy sheriff for three months prior to his death. He loved his job, his co-workers, and his community. He was a sportsman who had a special love of the Nottoway River, where he avidly spent time hunting and fishing with friends and family. This scholarship will honor Christopher's commitment to a career in public safety by assisting a deserving student in achieving his or her educational goals.